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**Annual Reports for 1956**  
**AMHERST**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**HORACE GREELEY BIRTHPLACE**  
(See Inside Cover)

The Amherst farm home in which Horace Greeley was born on February 3rd, 1811, is a typical late eighteenth century New Hampshire house, with many well preserved early American features. Its claim to special attention is that it was the boyhood home of one of the greatest editors in American history, perhaps the first editor of nationwide power and one who influenced thousands of people through the columns of the New York Tribune which he founded.

The house was probably built shortly before 1800 by John Stewart of Amherst, a joiner, on land inherited by his wife Mary Barron, from her father Moses Barron, prominent landowner of the Souhegan valley region. After the death of John Stewart in 1803 Mary deeded the farm to Joshua Shedd, who in turn sold it to Zaccheus Greeley, father of Horace, in 1809. The Greeleys owned the property until 1821 when they went to Vermont and the Joel Brown family succeeded them. About 1862 it passed from the Browns to the Hanson family who occupied the historic house until 1940 when they sold it to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Holmes.

In his "Recollections of a Busy Life" Greeley said that the house was located halfway down "one of New Hampshire's gentler hills," and sat among the rocky fields where "picking stones is a never ending labor . . . I filially love the Granite State, but could well excuse the absence of sundry subdivisions of her granite." He remembered the old apple orchard, the brook at the foot of the hill, and the huge fireplace where he learned to read before he was three. Of the orchard only a few gnarled trees remain, but the brook is still a good-sized stream and the fireplace is much as it was in Greeley's day with original cranes and mantel.

Here he learned what hard work meant, for as a small boy he rose early to "ride horse to plow" and he acquired a life long sympathy for farmer and laborer which he turned into a crusade for the improvement of the lot of the common man.

Horace Greeley is known to most people because he said "Go West." He did popularize the slogan and advice, "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country," which indicated his belief in the expanding greatness of America. However, those famous words were only a few of the hundreds of thousands which he wrote and spoke to the many citizens all over the nation who waited to hear from "Uncle Horace" before making up their minds on important issues. He played an important part in nearly every social and political movement of the 1840-1872 period; was a leading Whig, a great anti-slavery man, a co-founder of the Republican party who helped turn the 1860 nomination to Lincoln, a Liberal crusader who spoke the truth as he saw it regardless of the consequences, and a candidate for president on the Liberal-Republican ticket in a heartbreaking unsuccessful effort to turn his party back to the principles on which he considered it was founded. A man of eccentric personal habits, of boundless energy and courage, he left an impression on American history which his recent biographers have called "enormous."

On the hundredth anniversary of his birth in 1911, his native town did him honor by holding commemorative exercises in the Amherst Town Hall on the afternoon of February 3rd, and the State of New Hampshire erected a plaque on a boulder taken from the Greeley farm. The bronze tablet says that Greeley was born on February 3rd, 1811, was founder of the New York Tribune, member of Congress, candidate for President, and died in November 1872. The granite boulder holding this inscription is located directly in front of the birthplace and is regularly read by many travellers who come to see the childhood home of the great editor.

Nellie Holmes

ANNUAL REPORTS  
of the  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
of  
**AMHERST, N. H.**  
for the  
Year Ending December 31, 1956  
Also  
**OFFICERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Year Ending June 30, 1956



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## **TOWN OFFICERS — 1956**

### **Moderator**

Harold H. Wilkins, Sr.

### **Selectmen**

Allen D. Howard, 1 year  
Donald T. Atkinson, 2 years  
George A. Knight, 3 years

### **Treasurer**

Catherine A. Kruger

### **Town Clerk**

Catherine A. Kruger

### **Tax Collector**

Barbara H. Landry

### **Highway Agent**

Richard G. Crocker

### **Constable**

Albert H. Junkins

### **Auditors**

Orson H. Bragdon  
George H. Howard

### **Supervisors of the Check Lists**

Walter D. Wiggin                      Frank L. Pearson                      Donald O. Young

### **Sexton of Cemeteries**

Clarence H. Hagar

### **Fire Wards**

Edwin F. Locke, Chief  
Edward J. Marchildon, 1st Ass't.  
Ezra D. Edwards, 2nd Ass't.

### **Trustees of Trust Funds**

Meric G. Arnold, 1 year  
Benjamin G. Bundy, 2 years  
Howard G. Arnold, 3 years

### **Library Trustees**

Henry F. Merrill, 1 year  
Margaret Seamans, 1 year  
Cleaveland J. Campbell, 2 years  
Margaret Moser, 2 years  
Rev. Frank M. Weiskel, 3 years  
Elizabeth G. Hall, 3 years

### **Zoning Officials**

Administrative Official

Benjamin D. Piper

Board of Adjustment

Arthur L. Underwood	1 year
John C. Duff	2 years
James F. Wanless	3 years
Hibbert V. Miles	4 years
Allen D. Howard	5 years
Fred Vatcher	Secretary

### **Civil Defense Director**

Donald O. Young

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**of**  
**TOWN OFFICERS**

**Selectmen**

At the Town Hall 2nd and 4th Fridays from 7:30 to 9:00 P. M.

**Tax Collector**

Office at home—Mack Hill Road—Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.

Also every 2nd and 4th Fridays at Town Hall 7:30 P. M.

**Town Clerk & Treasurer**

Home office: Monday 5:00 to 8:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:00 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

Phone Town Hall	Milford 527
Tax Collector	356-J
Town Clerk	428-M
Fire Chief	774-W3
Assistant Chief	54-M
Fire Station	540
In case of fire call	80
Road Agent	92-M
Police Chief	Harrison 4-3300

VETERAN'S exemption blanks must be filed each year  
NOT LATER than April 15th.



## TOWN WARRANT

### The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

**Polls to open at 1:00 p. m. and Close at 7:00 p. m.**

You are hereby notified to meet at Amherst Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, next at eight of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  on 1957 property taxes paid by May 1st, 1957. Any persons paying on their 1957 property tax an amount equal to 80% of their 1956 property tax to be allowed  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  discount on their 1957 property tax bill if paid in full by December 1st, 1957.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to the Merrimack Valley Region Association as the Town's proportionate share for publicizing and promoting all interests in this region, or act in relation thereto.



6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to continue the plan started in 1956 for the improvement of roads.

7. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen the power to sell land acquired by Tax deed, by private sale or public auction, whichever they deem best, until otherwise rescinded.

8. To see if the Town will vote to abandon a piece of highway approximately 355 feet long and 33 feet wide forking easterly from the Brook Road, and bounded on sides and end by land owned by Charles L. Bacon. This land to revert to owner of the adjoining property.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for repairs of the grader.

10. To see if the Town will vote to have the moderator appoint a committee consisting of trustees, sexton and 3 non-officers to look into the question of cemetery expansion.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,789.70 to make up the 1956 deficit in winter maintenance.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used by the Selectmen to continue the repair and renovation of the Town Hall and to have the moderator appoint a committee to work with the Selectmen to determine the work to be done.

13. To see if the Town will vote to abandon the road beginning at a post in front of Walter Knapp's house on Souhegan Street, which is 48 rods from the Milford and Amherst town line, and extending to the Souhegan River, thence to the Cox Farm now owned by Henry Curtis, the road to revert to the adjacent property.

#### By Petition

14. A. To see if the Town will vote to sell and convey to the Amherst Congregational Church, the belfry, tower, steeple and such other interest as the Town may have in the structure.

B. To see if the Town will vote to lease to the Amherst Congregational Church, for a term of 99 years, the belfry, tower, steeple and such other interest as the Town may have in the structure, in consideration that the Amherst Congregational Church assume the obligation to maintain and repair the property and to save the Town harmless from loss on account of any claims for personal injury or otherwise on account thereof.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,480.00 for the purchase of the following items for the fire department.

- 6 1½" Nozzles
- 3 2½" Nozzles
- 1 Portable Generator with lights
- 1 Radio for new truck
- 1 Smoke Ejector
- 12 Helmets

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of February, in the Year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty seven.

ALLEN D. HOWARD  
GEORGE A. KNIGHT  
DONALD T. ATKINSON  
Selectmen of Amherst

## B U D G E T

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957  
Compared with  
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures  
of the Previous Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1956	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1956	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1957
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,443.24	\$ 11,500.00
Railroad Tax	25.00	29.14	25.00
Savings Bank Tax	65.00	107.62	100.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest land	25.00	6.94	10.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	3,000.00		1,500.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		44.01	
Refund Head Tax		45.78	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		1,183.24	
Yield Tax Bond		120.00	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	700.00	733.80	700.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	5.00	14.00	5.00
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court	100.00	400.50	100.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	175.00	249.00	200.00
Income from Trust Funds		150.00	
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equip.		142.50	
Fisk Highway Fund	50.00	56.60	50.00
Income of Depts. Burning without Permits		101.00	
Lot Sales, Cemetery		30.00	
Tree Committee		63.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	10,000.00	11,075.22	11,000.00
Gifts—perpetual care		1,255.00	
Sale of Town Property		200.00	
Insurance Refund		22.53	
Tax Anticipation Note		15,000.00	
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than</b>			
<b>Property Taxes:</b>			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @\$2	1,500.00	1,499.80	1,500.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	70.00	72.40	70.00
(c) Yield Taxes	800.00	1,324.38	1,000.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1956	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1956	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1957
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 2,020.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,300.00	2,010.54	2,300.00
Election and Registration Expenses	350.00	338.03	200.00
Municipal Court Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other			
Town Buildings	2,400.00	2,527.53	2,600.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	750.00	833.41	1,000.00
Fire Department	4,000.00	3,745.12	4,000.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	1,500.00	1,412.35	1,500.00
Civil Defense			100.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Health Department, including Hospitals	50.00	38.00	50.00
Vital Statistics	80.00	52.75	80.00
Town Clock	25.00	25.00	25.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	200.00	370.35	400.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Oiling	8,000.00	7,510.70	8,000.00
Town Maintenance:			
Summer	7,000.00	6,979.16	7,500.00
Winter	6,000.00	12,870.20	6,000.00
Street Lighting	2,500.00	2,438.14	2,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	800.00	939.43	800.00
Town Road Aid	1,052.11	1,052.11	1,049.27
Libraries	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	500.00	49.92	500.00
Old Age Assistance	3,200.00	2,805.01	3,200.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	175.00	207.46	200.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	50.00	341.70	500.00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Snow Fences	500.00	558.85	600.00
Parks & Playground, incl. Band Concerts	700.00	725.10	700.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	1,350.00	1,393.77	1,450.00
Souhegan Nursing Association	200.00	200.00	200.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1956	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1956	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1957
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages and Legal Expenses,			
Incl. Dog Damage	100.00	240.00	250.00
Auto Permits	650.00	645.00	700.00
Trustees—Trust Funds		1,297.00	
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans	100.00	118.76	100.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	250.00		250.00
Refund on Taxes		32.65	
Article 6—Marine Memorial	25.00	25.00	
Article 7—Elliott Refund	682.30	682.30	
Article 8—Town Hall Repairs	2,000.00	2,033.35	
Article 9—Fire Truck	9,250.00		
Article 10—Baboosic Road Improvement	1,000.00	825.55	
Hydrant Rental	1,365.00	1,365.00	1,365.00
Precinct Tax	5,242.72	5,242.76	5,069.95
<b>Payment on Principal of Debt.:</b>			
(a) Head Tax		4,713.50	
(b) Taxes bought by Town		2,250.51	
(c) Head Tax Commission		154.05	
(d) Temporary Loan		15,000.00	
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</b>			
County Taxes	14,000.00	13,339.86	15,000.00
School Taxes	100,068.67	97,739.50	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$199,149.42</b>	

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1956

	Approp.	Receipts & Reimbursements 1956	Total Amount Available 1956	Expenditures 1956	Unexpended Balances 1956	Overdrafts 1956
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries	2,020.00		2,020.00	2,020.00		
Town Officers' Expense	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,010.54	289.46	
Election and Registration	350.00		350.00	338.03	11.97	
Municipal Court	200.00	400.50	600.50	200.00	400.50	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	2,400.00	249.00	2,649.00	2,527.53	121.47	
Police Department	750.00		750.00	833.41		83.41
Fire Department	4,000.00	145.01	4,145.01	3,745.12	399.89	
Tree Committee	1,500.00	63.00	1,563.00	1,412.35	150.65	
Health Department	50.00		50.00	38.00	12.00	
Vital Statistics	80.00		80.00	52.75	27.25	
Town Dumps	200.00		200.00	370.35		170.35
Highways—Summer Maintenance	7,000.00	56.60	7,056.60	6,979.16	77.44	
Highways—Winter Maintenance	6,000.00	70.50	6,070.50	12,870.20		6,799.70
Oiling	8,000.00	30.00	8,030.00	7,510.70	519.30	
Snow Fence	500.00		500.00	558.85		58.85
Street Lighting	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,438.14	61.86	
General Expense—Highways	800.00		800.00	939.43		139.43
Town Road Aid	1,052.11		1,052.11	1,052.11		
Libraries	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,800.00		
Town Poor	500.00		500.00	49.92	450.08	
Old Age Assistance	3,200.00	1,183.24	4,383.24	2,805.01	1,578.23	
Memorial Day	175.00		175.00	207.46		32.46
Aid to Soldiers and Families	50.00		50.00	341.70		291.70
Parks and Playgrounds	700.00		700.00	725.10		25.10

Cemeteries	1,350.00	180.00	1,530.00	1,393.77	136.23	
Soulegan Valley Nursing Association	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Dog Damage & Legal Expense	100.00		100.00	240.00	140.00	
Auto Permits	650.00		650.00	645.00	5.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds				1,297.00		
Tax Refunds				32.65		
Hydrant Rentals	1,365.00		1,365.00	1,365.00		
Town Clock	25.00		25.00	25.00		
Taxes Bought by Town				2,250.51		
Interest on Short Term Notes	100.00		100.00	118.76	18.76	
Interest on Long Term Notes	250.00		250.00		250.00	
Head Tax				4,713.50		
Head Tax Commission				154.05		
Precinct Tax	5,242.72		5,242.72	5,242.76		.04
Temporary Loans				15,000.00		
Article 6—Marine Memorial	25.00		25.00	25.00		
Article 7—Elliot Refund	682.30		682.30	682.30		
Article 8—Town Hall Renovation	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,033.35		33.35
Article 9—New Fire Truck	9,250.00		3,250.00		3,250.00	
Article 10—Baboosic Rd. Improve.	1,000.00		1,000.00	825.55	174.45	
School District—1955-56 Balance	16,739.50		16,739.50	16,739.50		
School District 1956-57	100,068.67		100,068.67	81,000.00	19,068.67	
County Tax	14,000.00		14,000.00	13,339.86	660.14	
	<u>\$199,175.30</u>	<u>\$ 2,377.85</u>	<u>\$195,553.15</u>	<u>\$199,149.42</u>	<u>\$ 27,644.59</u>	<u>\$ 7,793.15</u>
Balance due on School Appropriation					19,068.67	
					<u>\$ 8,575.92</u>	<u>\$ 7,793.15</u>
Net unexpended balance of Appropriations and Credits					<u>\$ 782.77</u>	



## COMPARATIVE INVENTORY

		1955		1956
Land and Buildings		\$1,919,425.00		\$2,075,560.00
Electric Plants		118,000.00		109,000.00
Horses	39	1,950.00	31	1,550.00
Neat Stock	35	1,900.00	29	1,400.00
Cows	442	26,025.00	460	21,680.00
Sheep and Goats	48	480.00	79	794.00
Hens	24,528	11,595.00	24,115	5,615.00
Hogs	6	60.00		
Gasoline Pumps		875.00		875.00
Water Systems		300.00		300.00
Wood and Lumber		19,740.00		19,400.00
Mills and Machinery		5,700.00		5,650.00
Stock in Trade		21,775.00		22,350.00
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		\$2,127,825.00		\$2,263,874.00
Veteran's Exemptions		153,250.00		141,775.00
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Net Taxable Property		\$1,974,575.00		\$2,122,099.00
Tax Rate per 100		6.96		6.70
School Rate		4.98		4.66
Town Rate		1.98		2.04
Precinct Rate		1.00		.82

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	\$17,140.49
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Grader Fund	1,657.67
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State	1,681.50
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1956	1,420.04
(b) Levy of 1955	117.36
(c) Levy of 1954	219.42
(d) Previous Years	91.97
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1956	31,097.58
(b) Levy of 1955	53.29
(c) Levy of 1954	8.00
(d) Previous Years	13.94
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1956	1,085.00
(f) State Head Taxes—Previous Years	91.00
Total Assets	<hr/> \$54,677.26
Grand Total	\$54,677.26

### LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Article 9, Fire Truck	\$3,250.00
Article 11, Baboosic Road Improvement	174.45
Due to State:	
(a) State Head Taxes—1956	
(Uncollected \$1,085.00)	
(Collected—not remitted to	
State Treasurer \$60.00)	1,145.00
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	19,068.67
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Grader Fund	1,657.67
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$25,295.79
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	29,381.47
Grand Total	<hr/> \$54,677.26

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town Hall, land and buildings	\$40,000.00
Furniture and equipment	1,500.00
2. Libraries, land and buildings	18,000.00
Furniture and equipment	5,000.00
3. Police Department, land and buildings	
Equipment	100.00
4. Fire Department, land and buildings	8,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
5. Highway Department, land and buildings	1,000.00
Equipment	6,000.00
6. Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000.00
8. Dump	100.00
9. Schools, land and buildings	130,000.00
Equipment	8,000.00
11. All land and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Harding and Cassidy lots, 2 acres	25.00
Whitmore lot	20.00
W. A. Barnard lot, 50 acres	250.00
Proctor lot, 25 acres	125.00
Winslow lot, 9 acres	15.00
TOTAL	\$233,135.00

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT

49 (1955) Auto Permits Jan. 1-Apr. 1, 1956)	\$ 115.23
1248 (1956) Auto Permits Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1956	10,959.99
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	\$11,075.22

### DOG ACCOUNT

260 Male or Spayed Dogs	\$520.00
46 Female Dogs	230.00
2 Dog Licenses, part year	2.00
3 Kennel Licenses	44.00
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	\$796.00
Commission for licensing dogs	62.20
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	\$733.80

The law requires owner or keeper of dogs to have same licensed on or before the thirtieth day of April each year. Special notice will not be sent. If your dog loses the tag, please notify Town Clerk for a new one.

All dogs THREE MONTHS OLD must be licensed. Dogs must be collared and licensed according to Chapter 180 of R. L. of N. H.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,  
Town Clerk.

## TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

### SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1956

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$148,925.07
Poll Taxes	1,534.00
Yield Taxes	1,324.38
National Bank Stock Taxes	72.40

Total Warrant \$151,855.85

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$609.70
Poll Taxes	4.00

\$613.70

Interest Collected 23.74

Overpayments 27.65

Total Debits \$152,520.94

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$118,888.77
Poll Taxes	1,231.80
Yield Taxes	521.35
Bank Stock Taxes	72.40
Interest Collected	23.74
Discount Allowed	31.40
Abatements	650.90

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's Lists:

Property Taxes	\$29,989.35
Poll Taxes	308.20
Yield Taxes	800.03

Total Credits \$152,520.94

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

### STATE HEAD TAX

#### LEVY OF 1956

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed To Collector:

Original Warrant	\$5,110.00
Added Taxes	5.00
Overpayment	5.00
Penalties Collected	5.50

Total Debits	<hr/>	\$5,125.50
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$4,035.00
Penalties	5.50

Uncollected as per Collector's List:	<hr/>	\$4,040.50
		1,085.00

Total Credits	<hr/>	\$5,125.50
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# SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

## LEVY OF 1955

### Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1956:		
Property Taxes	\$24,819.78	
Poll Taxes	296.00	
Yield Taxes	228.11	
	<hr/>	\$25,343.89
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	\$22.62	
Poll Taxes	26.00	
	<hr/>	48.62
Cash in hands of Collector		7.56
Interest collected during Fiscal Year		896.57
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Total Debits		\$26,296.64

### Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$24,784.98	
Poll Taxes	266.00	
Yield Taxes	190.82	
	<hr/>	\$25,241.80
Cash Remitted		7.56
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	\$57.42	
Poll Taxes	40.00	
	<hr/>	97.42
Uncollected per list:		
Yield	\$37.29	
Poll	16.00	
	<hr/>	53.29
Interest remitted during fiscal year		896.57
		<hr/>
Total Credits		\$26,296.64



SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
LEVY OF 1955

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes:		
As of January 1, 1956	\$1,060.00	
Added Taxes during 1956	65.00	
Uncollected penalties due	1.00	
Penalties collected during 1956	93.00	
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Total Debits		\$1,219.00

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Tax	\$955.00	
Penalties	93.00	
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		\$1,048.00
Abatements		110.00
Uncollected		60.00
Uncollected Penalties		1.00
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Total Credits		\$1,219.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1954

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1956:		
Property	\$ 6.16	
Yield	279.60	
Poll	18.00	
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		303.76
Interest collected during Fiscal Year		38.91
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Total Debits		\$342.67

	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal Year:		
Property Tax	\$ 6.16	
Poll Tax	2.00	
Yield Tax	279.60	
	<hr/>	\$287.76
Abatements made during year		8.00
Uncollected polls as per list		8.00
Interest collected		38.91
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Total Credits		\$342.67

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
LEVY OF 1954

	Dr.	
Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956		\$50.00
	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 5.00	
Abated	15.00	
Uncollected as per list	30.00	
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Total Credits		\$50.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1953

	Dr.	
Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1956:		
Property	\$13.25	
Poll	2.00	
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Total Debits		\$15.25
	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property	\$ 1.31	
Uncollected as per list	13.94	
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Total Credits		\$15.25

**Summary of Tax Sale Accounts—as of December 31, 1956**

	Dr.			
	Tax Sales for year of:			
	1955	1954	1953	Previous
Taxes sold Town in 1956	\$2,250.51	\$ 990.89	\$ 395.30	\$ 101.93
Balance Unredeemed 1/1/56				
Interest after sale	5.88	39.61	23.79	
Redemption Costs	40.30			
TOTAL DEBITS	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$2,296.69	\$1,030.50	\$ 419.09	\$ 101.93

	Cr.			
Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 870.77	\$ 528.69	\$ 175.88	\$ 9.96
Remittances to Nashua Trust		329.55		
Interest Remitted to Treas.	5.88	39.61	23.79	
Abated		15.29		
Unredeemed Taxes 12/31/56	1,420.04	117.36	219.42	91.97
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,296.69	\$1,030.50	\$ 419.09	\$ 101.93

### TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1956 \$19,853.74

Received from:

Barbara Landry, Tax Collector \$152,308.47  
 Redeemed Taxes 1,654.58

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153,963.05

Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk

Auto permit fees \$ 115.23  
 Auto permit fees 10,959.99  
 Dog licenses 733.80

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11,809.02

Selectmen

Pistol permits \$ 6.00  
 Insurance refunds 22.53  
 Timber sold 200.00  
 Yield tax Robert Currier on acct. 120.00

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348.53

Souhegan National Bank

Tax Anticipation Note 15,000.00

Clarence H. Hagar, Sexton

Sale of Lots 30.00

Trustees of Trust Funds

Fiske Highway Fund \$ 56.60  
 Credit Cemetery Fund 150.00

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206.60

Town Hall Rentals:

Baptist Church Mission \$21.00  
 Students Dance 5.00  
 Amherst Assemblies 50.00  
 Baboosic Lake Association 5.00  
 Mr. Fred Talford 10.00  
 Carl S. Merrill, Cub Scout Dance 5.00  
 Souhegan Grange 75.00  
 Men's Club 75.00

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249.00

State of New Hampshire:

Head Tax reimbursement	\$ 45.78	
Reimbursement		
Fed. & State Forest lands	6.94	
O.A.A. recovery	1,183.24	
Forest fires	44.01	
Savings bank tax	107.62	
Railroad tax	29.14	
Interest and dividend tax	11,443.24	
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		12,859.97
Filing fees		8.00
Richard G. Crocker, Road Agent		
Harold L. Aldrich, Winter Maint.	\$10.50	
Plowing, Carl S. Merrill	25.00	
Plowing, Mrs. Theodora Lincoln	35.00	
Oiling	30.00	
Grader rental	42.00	
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		142.50
George H. Howard, Clerk		
Municipal Court, Fines		400.50
Gifts—Perpetual Care:		
Alvin Fletcher	\$150.00	
E. Florence Snarberg	150.00	
Marion Searles	150.00	
Dolly Jackson	200.00	
Margaret Staples	150.00	
Howard R. Locke (balance)	155.00	
Elna P. Howard	300.00	
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		1,255.00
Tree Committee:		
John Fuller	\$17.50	
School District	35.00	
Hamilton Dunbar	10.50	
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		63.00

Edwin F. Locke, Fire Chief:  
Burning without permit

Henry Gervais	\$ 9.25
H. Otto	5.45
Fay Andrews	25.55
W. Morello	3.95
Glenn Jackson	18.30
Homer McMurray	38.50

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101.00

Total Receipts	\$196,436.17
On hand January 1, 1956	19,853.74

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Less Selectmen orders paid	\$216,289.91
	199,149.42

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Balance December 31, 1956	\$ 17,140.49
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CATHERINE A. KRUGER,  
Town Treasurer

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Expended:

### Town Officers' Salaries

Allen D. Howard, Selectman	\$350.00
Donald T. Atkinson, Selectman	350.00
George A. Knight, Selectman	350.00
Barbara H. Landry, Tax Collector	400.00
Catherine A. Kruger, Treasurer	200.00
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk	200.00
Howard A. Arnold, Trust Funds	70.00
Orson H. Bragdon, Auditor	50.00
George H. Howard, Auditor	50.00

\$2,020.00

Appropriation            \$2,020.00

### Town Officers' Expenses

Expended:

Allen D. Howard, use of car	\$ 20.00
Donald T. Atkinson, use of car	15.00
George A. Knight, use of car	15.00
Cabinet Press, printing Town Reports	891.07
Printing of notices, forms & office supplies	699.71
Association dues & cost of meetings	18.00
Souhegan Nat'l. Bank, safe deposit box	5.00
Town Officers' bonds & insurance	238.76
Barbara H. Landry, clerical work	100.00
Elna P. Howard, clerical work	8.00

\$2,010.54

Appropriation            \$2,300.00

### Election and Registration

Expended:

Harold H. Wilkins, Moderator	\$ 31.50
Supervisors of Check List:	
Walter Wiggin	38.00
Lilla M. Brown	31.00
George A. Knight	14.00
Frank L. Pearson	42.53
Donald O. Young	18.00

Ballot Clerks:	
Dwight P. Brown	23.00
Robert Hancock	32.50
Ernest C. Stewart	35.50
George H. Howard	18.00
Donald O. Young	3.00
Orson H. Bragdon	3.00
Randolph Kruger	3.00
Assistant Town Clerk Wanda Coffeen	10.00
Police at Elections, Albert H. Junkins	35.00

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\$338.03

Appropriation           \$350.00  
**Expenses Town Hall**

Expended:	
Draper Fuel Co., oil	\$816.47
Wilton Plumbing Co., repairs to oil burner	51.93
W. D. Bell, gas	109.50
New Eng. Telephone Co., telephone	114.88
Amherst Village District, water	30.00
Public Serv. Co. of N. H., electricity	293.82
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., insurance	576.18
Dwight P. Brown, janitor service & repair	480.00
Kenneth Durant, rubbish disposal	39.00
Supplies	15.75

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\$2,527.53

Appropriation           \$2,400.00  
**Police Department**

Expended:	
Albert Junkins, Constable	\$534.80
Harold Aldrich, Special Officer	120.95
Frank Hall, Special Officer	60.00
Howard French, Special Officer	38.00
Arthur Underwood, Special Officer	5.00
Thomas Crocker, Special Officer	7.00
Oscar Burns, M. D., services	4.00
Disposing of dogs, N. H. Humane Soc.	18.00
Insurance	10.00
Supplies	35.66

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\$833.41

Appropriation           \$750.00



## Fire Department

### Expended:

Edwin F. Locke, Chief and	
Forest Fire Warden	\$ 50.00
Edward Marcheldon, Assisant Chief	15.00
Ezra Edwards, Assistant Chief	15.00
Firemen's wages	1,566.07
Edwin F. Locke,	
inspecting oil burners	25.00
Charles Duval, janitor service	100.00
Guy Nelson, snow removal	48.00
Edward Marchildon,	
shoveling hydrants	6.60
Edwin F. Locke, fire school tuition	5.00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	296.08
Milford Grain & Coal Co., heating oil	215.60
Public Serv. Co. of N. H., electricity	131.66
Milford Board of Public Works,	
hydrant rental	40.00
Insurance	379.15
Supplies and maintenance of equip.	336.96
C. A. Watkins Co., fire hose	485.00
Amherst Village District, water	30.00

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\$3,745.12

Appropriation      \$4,000.00

## Memorial Day

### Expended:

Ferdinand's Band, music	\$125.00
Rev. Frank Weiskel, speaker	10.00
Flags	31.46
Wreaths and flowers	33.00
Programs	8.00

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\$207.46

Appropriation      \$175.00

### **Town Poor**

Expended:

Thrift Stores for Alfred Townes

Groceries

\$49.92

Appropriation

\$500.00

### **Old Age Assistance**

Expended:

State of New Hampshire

\$2,805.01

Appropriation

\$3,200.00

### **Soldiers Aid**

Expended:

Moore General Hospital

\$291.70

Dr. H. Lun Tung

40.00

Frank Seldon, M.D.

10.00

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\$341.70

Appropriation

\$50.00

### **Summer Maintenance**

Expended:

Richard Crocker

\$6,979.16

Appropriation

\$7,000.00

### **Winter Maintenance**

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich

\$ 4,994.46

Richard G. Crocker

7,875.74

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\$12,870.20

Appropriation

\$6,000.00

### Oiling

Expended:		
Richard G. Crocker		\$7,510.70
Appropriation	\$8,000.00	

### General Expenses of Highway Department

Expended:		
Richard G. Crocker		\$939.43
Appropriation	\$800.00	

### Dumps

Expended:		
Richard G. Crocker		\$370.35
Appropriation	\$200.00	

### Town Road Aid

Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		\$1,052.11
Appropriation	\$1,052.11	

### Snow Fences

Expended		\$558.85
Appropriation	\$500.00	

### Parks and Playgrounds

Expended:		
Richard G. Crocker		\$725.10
Appropriation	\$700.00	

### Tree Program

Expended:		
Harold Aldrich, brush removal	\$ 104.00	
Richard G. Crocker, brush removal	332.35	
Bartlett Tree Service, spraying & trimming	746.00	
Harry Melendy, new trees	120.00	
Guy Nelson, digging holes & loam	110.00	
		\$1,412.35
Appropriation	\$1,500.00	

### Street Lighting

Expended:		
Public Service Co. of N. H.		\$2,438.14
Appropriation	\$2,500.00	

### **Cemeteries**

Expended:		
Clarence H. Hagar		\$1,393.77
Appropriation	\$1,350.00	

### **Trustees of Trust Funds**

Expended:		
Trustees of trust funds		\$1,297.00
(Includes Grader Fund)		

### **Town Clock**

Expended:		
Dwight P. Brown		\$25.00
Appropriation	\$25.00	

### **Library**

Expended:		
Amherst Town Library		\$1,800.00
Appropriation	\$1,800.00	

### **Souhegan Nursing Association**

Expended:		
Souhegan Valley Nursing Association		\$200.00
Appropriation	\$200.00	

### **Dog Damage & Legal Expenses**

Expended:		
Forest Jasper, chickens	\$ 90.00	
Max Holland, sheep	25.00	
Wallace Warren, sheep	25.00	
Charles J. Lincoln, Town Counsel	100.00	
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		\$240.00
Appropriation	\$100.00	

### **Health Department**

Expended:		
Oscar Burns, M. D., Health Officer		\$38.00
Appropriation	\$50.00	

### **Vital Statistics**

Expended:		
Catherine A. Kruger, recording statistics, fees to doctors and clergymen		\$52.75
Appropriation	\$80.00	

**Auto Permits**

Expended:		
Catherine A. Kruger		\$645.00
Appropriation	\$650.00	

**Municipal Court**

Expended:		
Charles J. Lincoln, Judge	\$100.00	
William C. Vose, Associate Judge	50.00	
George H. Howard, Clerk	50.00	
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Appropriation	\$200.00	\$200.00

**Taxes Bought by Town**

Expended:		
Tax Sale on 1955 levy		\$2,250.51

**Temporary Loans**

Expended:		
Souhegan National Bank		\$15,000.00

**Interest**

Expended:		
Souhegan National Bank		\$118.76
Appropriation	\$100.00	

**Head Tax**

Expended:		
Treas., State of New Hampshire	\$4,713.50	
Barbara H. Landry	154.05	
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		\$4,867.55

**County Tax**

Expended:		
Treas. of Hillsborough County		\$13,339.86
Appropriation	\$14,000.00	

**Precinct Tax**

Expended:		
Amherst Village District		\$5,242.76
Appropriation	\$5,242.72	

**Hydrant Rental**

Expended:		
Amherst Village District		\$1,365.00
Appropriation	\$1,365.00	

### **School District**

Expended:

1955-56 Appropriation Balance \$16,739.50

1956-57 On acc't of Appropriation 81,000.00

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\$97,739.50

Appropriation \$100,068.67

### **Refund Overpayment of Taxes**

Expended:

Barbara H. Landry \$32.65

### **Article 6**

Expended:

N. H. Marine Memorial \$25.00

Appropriation \$25.00

### **Article 7**

Expended:

Hiram R. Elliott, overpayment 682.30

Appropriation \$682.30

### **Article 8 Town Hall Renovation**

Expended:

Reginald S. Going,  
painting Town Hall \$ 387.02

Dionne Bros., Formica tops  
on counters 274.32

Owen Fisk, rewiring stage & blower 40.00

Carl Stimson, blower & hood  
for kitchen 282.35

Fortescue Construction Co., repairs  
to Church steeple and roof of  
Town Hall 1,049.66

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\$2,033.35

Appropriation \$2,000.00

### **Article 11 Baboosic Road Improvement**

Expended:

Richard G. Crocker \$825.55

Appropriation \$1,000.00

## NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

In the year 1956 your Selectmen have endeavored to carry out various projects voted upon and approved at the March meeting as effeciently and economically as possible.

### Articles in Warrant

#### Article 8: Repair and Renovation of Town Hall.

In the summer it was discovered that the timbers of the church steeple, which is owned by the Town, were in very poor condition and in case of high winds might be considered hazardous. The Selectmen having no appropriation for this purpose, considered this as emergency and decided to take part of the town hall money for this purpose.

Fortescue Construction Co. of Nashua was low bidder on the project and was awarded the contract. The work consisted of replacing all the carrying timbers and braces, one new post, new ceiling over the bell, and the correction of flashing around the steeple at a cost of \$825.55.

The renovation of the Town Hall is in its second year with a committee appointed by the moderator to help the Selectmen. Members of this committee appointed by the moderator are Carl Peterson, Louis Heaton and Dwight Brown. Exterior work consisted of repairing of the roof, repairs and replacement of flashing, and repairs to the gutters. The hall, fire escapes and roof were painted. All broken glass was replaced and the windows reputtied and painted.

Interior work was the cleaning of the dressing room which had been considered a fire hazard. It was painted and new wiring installed.

Improvements in the kitchen consisted of installation of Formica tops on counters which should improve sanitary conditions. A new exhaust blower and hood were installed over the stove, also a vent from the gas heater to eliminate odor and smoke.

The Selectmen feel that this renovation should continue and are inserting an article in the warrant to this effect.

Article 9. The new fire truck has been ordered but not delivered due to the fact that the pump of the type specified in the contract was not available. It is now in the process of construction and delivery is promised in the month of March.

Article 11. The Baboosic Road Improvement consisted of cutting back of a bad corner near the home of James Young with resurfacing to be completed in 1957.

As we all know the cost of winter maintenance has been unusually high with an overexpenditure of \$6,799.70 and the Selectmen are inserting an article in the warrant to make up the deficit.

A program bringing highway workers, fireman and police under the Workingmen's Compensation Act has been set up. Insurance has been added on the same group and these two should give a certain amount of security in case of accident.

Amherst had a somewhat lower tax rate this year but with ever increasing costs of schools, roads and various departments it seems inevitable that the taxpayers are faced with the fact that the tax rate will increase in 1957.

### REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

The spring of 1956 found many roads with excessive mud. It was necessary to spot gravel the following: Charlie Wright's Road, Brook Road, Austin Road, Hubbard's Road and Mann's Road. The Fellow's Farm Road on Chestnut Hill was in such condition that it would have been necessary to gravel the whole road in order to make it passable. Your Highway Department did not do this because of the cost of such a project in early spring. Later in the summer it was decided to do preliminary work on that road as required by T. R. A. construction. Also included in the T. R. A. program was Completion of Mann's Road and the Austin Road except for surface treatment. Construction on Walnut Hill Road from Clark's Island Road to the Baboosic Road was started with the remainder of the funds.

Your Highway Department's grading program was started in April and continued through the summer months. It was necessary to make extensive repairs on the grader in order to keep it in running condition so that we could use it this winter winging back snow, etc.



The oiling program included a sealer coat on Chestnut Hill, resurfacing the Baboosic Road to Gleasons and Clark's Avenue, Peaslee's Road to Knights, the South Merrimack Road from Max Hollands to the South Merrimack Line.

The Summer Maintenance Program included the replacement of thirteen culverts, setting of one hundred and twelve posts with reflective markers at culverts, bridges, etc. Thirty seven signs were posted in various sections of town. The program also took care of necessary repairs to roads, bridges and the mowing of brush.

RICHARD G. CROOKER

Highway Agent



## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY AGENT

Richard G. Crocker

### GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$800.00	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., parts & repairs		\$435.29
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, signs		25.00
Donel Supply, signs		21.25
Bob's Auto Service, gas & oil		66.25
Souhegan National Bank, supplies		4.72
Wilton Lumber Company, cedar posts		16.25
The Country Stores Inc., supplies		7.00
Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Town Barn lights		3.87
Marsh & McLeman, Workmen's Compensation Employers Liability		276.30
Harlan Holt, grader insurance		83.50
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		\$939.43

### DUMP

Appropriation	\$200.00	
McKay & Wright, shovel		\$ 56.00
McKay & Wright, two trucks		41.00
A. J. McKay, bulldozer		68.00
John Hanlon, labor		4.40
Charles Duval, labor		4.40
Ernest Miles, labor		12.10
Guy Bills, labor		35.20
George Masten, labor		4.80
Roy Wheeler, grader operator		78.00
Richard G. Crocker, foreman		66.45
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		\$370.35

### SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$7,000.00	
Credit:		
Fisk Highway Fund	56.00	
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	\$7,056.00	

R. C. Hazelton Company, Inc., grader repairs	\$ 61.88
The County Stores Inc., supplies	48.54
Hume Pipe of New England, culvert pipe	147.00
South Street Garage, repairs	10.00
Daniels Service, oil	9.24
Kinnie Electric Service, grader repairs	10.00
Ernest Miles, cedar posts	15.00
Public Service Company, Town Barn lights	14.00
Bob's Auto Service, gas, oil & repairs (grader)	251.40
McKay & Wright, gravel	61.60
Ralph Currier, gravel	16.40
E. E. Phinney, gravel	16.20
Town of Merrimack, grader	118.00
McKay & Wright, loader	56.00
McKay & Wright, shovel	64.00
Guy H. Nelson, digger	187.50
Frank Hartshon, truck	7.00
McKay & Wright, trucks	36.90
Guy H. Nelson, truck	43.90
H. V. Miles, truck	103.70
Oliver Merrill, truck	86.20
Agiline Grugnale, truck	43.90
Richard G. Crocker, truck	1,290.30
Guy H. Nelson, tractor	16.00
William A. Hart, tractor	324.00
Richard G. Crocker, tractor	208.00
John Hanlon, labor	5.50
Guy Bills, labor	710.60
Ernest Miles, labor	629.80
George Masten, labor	618.00
Roy Wheeler, grader operator	1,113.00
Richard G. Crocker, foreman	652.60
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	\$6,979.16

## Oiling

Appropriation	\$8,000.00	
Credit:		
Richard G. Crocker	30.00	
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	\$8,030.00	
Granite State Asphalt, Prod. Co., Inc., patch		\$1,124.72
Trimount Bituminous Products Co., oil		3,035.63
Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand		59.60
Oliver Merrill, sand		7.20
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., sanders		550.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, supplies		20.25
Oliver Merrill, tractor		192.00
H. V. Miles, truck		171.50
Oliver Merrill, truck		168.00
Richard G. Crocker, truck		754.40
John Hanlon, labor		12.10
Roy Wheeler, labor		118.50
Guy Bills, labor		178.20
Ernest Miles, labor		378.40
Richard G. Crocker, foreman		406.90
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		\$7,510.70

## PARKS

Appropriation	\$700.00	
Clarence Hager, repairs		\$ 47.30
Richard G. Crocker, truck		48.30
George Masten, labor		24.00
Ernest Miles, labor		7.70
Albert Pixely, labor		31.90
Douglas Gleason, labor		90.20
Richard Grant, labor		18.70
John Hanlon, labor		35.20
David Hanlon, labor		29.70
Walter Truesdell, labor		320.10
Clarence Hager, rotary mower		72.00
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		\$725.10

### BABOOSIC LAKE ROAD

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
E. E. Phinney, gravel		\$ 41.20
McKay & Wright, shovel		240.00
McKay & Wright, bulldozer		40.00
A. J. McKay, bulldozer		100.00
McKay & Wright, trucks		24.60
Oliver Merrill, truck		31.50
Agiline Grugnale, truck		91.00
Richard G. Crocker, truck		78.20
George Masten, labor		40.80
Ernest Miles, labor		47.30
Guy Bills, labor		13.20
Roy Wheeler, labor		25.50
Roy Wheeler, chain saw		5.00
Richard G. Crocker, foreman		47.25
		<hr/> \$825.55

### SNOW FENCE

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Richard G. Crocker, truck		\$188.60
George Masten, labor		97.60
Ernest Miles, labor		80.30
Roy Wheeler, labor		52.50
Guy Bills, labor		44.00
Richard G. Crocker, foreman		95.85
		<hr/> \$558.85

### WINTER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$6,000.00	
Credits:		
Mrs. T. J. Lincoln	35.00	
Carl Merrill	25.00	
Harold L. Aldrich	10.50	
	<hr/> \$6,070.50	
Milford Motor Company, repairs		2.50
South Street Garage, repairs		6.00
Palmer Spring, repairs		27.75
Russell Riddle, Jr., welding		322.50
H. R. Locke & Son, wiring		8.88
Milford Road Garage		11.75
Milford Coal & Grain Company, salt		228.00
The County Store, Inc., supplies		2.25

Fletchers Paint Works, paint	11.25
Perley Chappell & Son, supplies	3.36
Edgcomb Steel of New England	37.24
N. H. Explosive & Machinery Co., pumps	122.95
R. C. Hazelton Company, Inc., parts	524.19
Economy Supply Company, shovels	13.34
Bob's Auto Service, gas, oil, repairs	81.33
John Bowler, truck	16.00
William A. Hart, truck	68.40
Newton Stockwell, truck	351.35
Oliver Merrill, truck—Reo	450.80
Oliver Merrill, truck—Chev.	684.40
H. V. Miles, truck	1,151.00
Richard G. Crocker, truck	1,333.50
Guy H. Nelson, tractor	22.00
Oliver Merrill, tractor	28.00
William A. Hart, tractor	45.50
Robert Bragdon, tractor	10.50
Charles Long, tractor	52.50
Richard G. Crocker, tractor	311.50
McKay & Wright, loader	308.00
McKay & Wright, bulldozer	74.00
Town of Bedford, grader snow plow	138.00
Richard G. Crocker, foreman	114.50
Henry Stockwell, labor	26.25
Richard Sherman, labor	18.90
Daniel Hauser, labor	4.20
Thomas Crocker, labor	13.85
Charles Atkinson, labor	8.40
Harold Aldrich, labor	53.75
Robert Hancock, labor	5.25
Ronald Marsh, labor	1.05
Charles Hall, labor	9.45
Oliver Merrill, labor	8.40
Gerald Wilkins, labor	4.30
Roland Goodwin, labor	18.90
David Hanlon, labor	28.55
A. L. Underwood, labor	4.40
Kenneth Grasset, labor	15.40
Len Stockwell, labor	26.25
Robert Weston, labor	26.25
Charles Duval, labor	17.85
John Hanlon, labor	14.00

George Masten, labor	229.80
Fred Vatcher, labor	51.15
Newton S. Stockwell, labor	33.85
Guy Bills, labor	9.45
Ronald Brown, labor	5.25
Barry Hammond, labor	10.50
John Bowler, labor	113.20
Ernest Miles, labor	359.65
Bradford Locke, labor	105.00
Roy Wheeler, grader operator	84.00
Public Service Co. of N. H., Town Barn lights	5.25
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	\$7,875.74

#### WINTER MAINTENANCE

January 1, 1956 - March 13, 1956

Harold L. Aldrich, Road Agent

R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., parts	\$ 156.25
Public Service Co. of N. H., Town Barn lights	3.50
Bob's Auto Service, grader gas	18.77
E. E. Nadeau & Sons, Inc.	30.20
Smith Highway Equipment Co., supplies	5.19
Daniels Garage, blasting culvert	18.00
Wirthmore Grain Co., Londonderry, salt	124.00
Wirthmore Grain Co., Nashua, salt	473.10
Russell Riddle, welding	30.00
Milford Grain & Coal Co., salt	130.00
Town of Amherst, N. H.	10.50
Richard Crocker, tractor	199.50
Hibbert Miles, truck	524.40
Richard Crocker, truck	785.50
Oliver Merrill, truck	475.00
Harold Aldrich, truck	840.60
Ernest Miles, labor	392.70
John Bowler, labor	111.30
Bradford Locke, labor	224.70
Fred Armstrong, labor	10.50
Frederick M. Vatcher, labor	9.45
George Masten, labor	14.70
John Hanlon, labor	70.35
Harold Aldrich, foreman	336.25
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	\$4,994.46

## REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Arrests	11
Brawl and tumult	1
Stop sign violations	2
Unreasonable speed	4
Yellow line violation	1
Careless and negligent operation	3
Placed on file	1
Driving without license	2
Held for safe keeping	1
D. E. issued	12
Warnings to operators of motor vehicles	25
Warnings for speeding	4
Highway and traffic duty	125 hrs.
Stolen property	3
Speeding complaints	5
Breaking and entering	3
Drownings at Baboosic Lake	2
Dances at Baboosic Lake	29
Lost hunters	2
Lost child	1
Warnings to boys	4
Boys returned home by police	2
Damage by boys	4
Checked camps at Baboosic Lake with State Police	2
Family trouble	2
Memorial Day Parade	1 man— 3 hrs.
Fourth of July Patrol Duty	16 hrs.
Disturbance calls	2
Complaints of various nature	48
Dog complaints such as chasing deer, cattle, stray dogs, dogs disposed of by police or Humane Society, returned dogs to owners, found homes for stray dogs, dog bites, etc.	32
Trespassing by hunters and fishermen	3
Aid to other departments	12
Plates found and returned	1
Dogs killed by motor vehicles	3
Lost animals (horse)	1
Shooting by boys	1
Dogs creating nuisance	2
Emergency messages delivered	3



Town Hall use requiring police	6
Civilian Defense meetings attended	1
Air Raid Test	1
Street and signal lights reported out of order	4
Bicycle safety reflector tape applied	2 hrs.
Hallowe'en duty, Village 5 men—2 nights	45 hrs.
Inquiries Civil Service, Marine Corps., miscellaneous	9

This department wishes to extend to State Police Lieut. John Conti, Corporal McBain and Trooper Cote, also Motor Vehicle Inspector Landry and the Milford Police Department for their cooperation during 1956. We had increased traffic through Amherst on our three principle routes and from indications, 1957 promises to be heavier. It is therefore the duty of everyone operating a motor vehicles to use their best driving habits to help keep our accident and death rate at a minimum. I would like to advise parents of school children to have them stay off highways while waiting for the School buses, several cases being noticed where children were in grave danger due to road conditions.

On August 25th two two-way radios were installed and put into service in cars operated by the Police Chief and Officer Frank Hall, giving our department three sets which have been a boon on several occasions.

Our slogan for 1957 "BACK THE ATTACK AGAINST TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS"

ALBERT H. JUNKINS,  
Police Chief

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

In 1956 the Amherst Fire Department was called 63 times.

12	Building fires
5	Chimney fires
5	Car fires
11	Grass fires
9	Brush fires
14	Dump fires
1	Drowning
2	Air raid tests
3	False alarms
1	Out of town call

### **PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU**

Obtain a permit before burning out of doors. Any kind of an outside fire is subject to a \$200 fine if started without a permit.

Do not overload your electric lines in your home. Be sure that you have the correct size fuses.

If you have a fire call 80.

We wish to thank the Fire Departments of Milford and Merrimack for their assistance in the past year.

## **REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF**

To the Selectmen:

Each year there is a demand for a statement on forest fires for publication in the annual town report. It is believed they serve a good purpose locally in preventing fires. The following is offered with the respectful request for publication in your town report.

Sincerely,

W. HANNAFORD,  
District Fire Chief

## **Your Town Dump**

### **Use it freely**

### **Care for it**

Your town dump has been set up for your personal convenience. It provides a suitable place where you can dispose of the large amounts of dangerous, inflammable waste material and other useless items which accumulate around your household and local stores, brush, etc., cut on your property. The dump has become a valuable and indispensable asset in modern community life.

The most successful town dumps are supervised—regular days provided for their use and inflammable material consistently burned. The town dump which receives no attention, where waste material is scattered about without supervision of any description, soon becomes a community menace and a liability rather than an asset.

Many people still burn debris around their homes. A large number of such fires get out of control causing unnecessary damage and expense to the burner. Why burn at home? Make use of your town dump and eliminate the hazard of burning. It will be easier for you—personally and financially.

If, however, you do burn on your premises

1. Secure a permit from your local fire warden—the law requires it. The warden won't refuse you if conditions are safe.
2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning. Don't leave it.
3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.

Save yourself much possible difficulty

### **Use your dump freely**

### **Help Keep it safe**

Number of local fires	34
Number of acres burned	12
Number of permits issued	121

WINTHROP HANNAFORD,  
District Fire Chief  
EDWIN F. LOCKE  
Forest Fire Warden

## SEXTON'S REPORT

The unused lots at Meadow View Cemetery are very few. There are probably enough to last about ten years. I think it wise for the Moderator to appoint a committee of seven to look into the possibility of acquiring more land for future needs, the committee to include the Trustees, Sexton and three non-officers.

Besides the usual care of the Cemeteries your Sexton has rebuilt ten lots over this past year that were neglected, run-out lots, from the town appropriation and six of the Perpetual Care lots were made over from the Trust Funds. Also a new gate was installed at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

The Trustees of the Cemeteries have purchased new Greens and Lowering Device this year of which we needed very badly as the old Greens were worn out and the Lowering Device very rusty and shabby, being about 30 years old.

With the co-operation of the Trust Funds we are putting Nitrates on the Perpetual Care lots this Spring to try to kill out the moss and sorrell, to make better grass. The land needs frequent fertilization as the heavier sod will hold the moisture better.

There were 18 burials, 9 from town and 9 from out of town.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR  
Sexton

## AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, Clerk of Police Court, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,  
GEORGE H. HOWARD,  
Town Auditors.

February 1, 1957

## TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

Although we are by no means happy with our tree situation, we believe Amherst fared fully as well as our neighboring towns during the past year.

The Dutch Elm Disease is now rampant in Southern New Hampshire. Our early Dormant Spray plus later Cover Spray has been the important factor in limiting our year's loss to only 4 large and 11 smaller Elms. These are scheduled to come down before Spring. This continued felling and removal cost is a major part of the yearly expense.

The late Spring spraying covers approximately 150 Elms on Town Land and along the Village Streets, plus about 60 along the highway at Ponemah.

Replanting is most important. Again in '56 ten young Maples were set out, and we propose to increase this number in '57. The committee will be glad to assist property owners in any proposed private planting.

The Town Tree work is only a portion of the task. The continued interest and private work by property owners is the link in maintaining the best possible defense against the inroads of Dutch Elm Disease, age, and effects of dry Summers on all the trees in our Community.

It is with sincere regret that Tenney Clough has felt it necessary to give up his Tree Committee work due to a change in business. With the approval of the Selectmen, G. Winthrop Brown is filling Tenney's vacancy; and so our most important Main Street area will continue to receive close attention.

The Committee urges all Townspeople to preserve existing healthy trees and set out new, which are and will become such an important part in the overall beauty and wealth of Amherst.

Respectfully submitted,

G. WINTHROP BROWN  
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN  
ROBERT W. SEAMANS, Chairman

# WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 18, 1957

The Ways and Means Committee has considered carefully each item in the Town and School Budgets and each article of the Warrants. It has consulted and heard individuals, committees and department representatives.

Careful preparation of budgets and articles of the warrant, by those responsible, made the work of this committee easy and the saving of committee time is appreciated.

In its considering of submitted budgets this committee has tried to keep in mind the growing needs of the Town as well as the effect of proposed expenditures upon the tax rate.

## TOWN WARRANT

### ARTICLE 1.

No comment is necessary.

### ARTICLE 2.

We recommend approval of each item in the Town Budget except as noted. Comment is offered on some of the items.

**Police Department:** The requested increase of \$250.00 is to provide for necessary revision of wage scale.

**Fire Department:** Work on construction and improvement of waterholes, for which increased appropriation was voted last year, was not carried out completely as planned and there was an under-expenditure on the appropriation. This year's request amount will provide for completing this work.

**Moth Extermination, Blister Rust, and Care of Trees:** The requested amount is for a continuation of the program recommended last year. This committee recommends that a program of replanting be recognized as a part of the whole job of care of trees in the Town.

**Civil Defense:** With its approval of this item this committee recommends that no money be spent on this account until all requirements set up by the State Civil Defense Organization, have been complied with by the local organization.



**Town Dumps:** Your Town Officers feel that actual costs for maintenance of the town dumps have not always been allocated properly in the past. During the last year they have kept accurate records and show an expenditure of \$370.35. We believe the request for \$400.00, for this item, is reasonable.

**Summer Maintenance:** The increase of \$500.00 on this item is a reflection of increased operating costs.

**Libraries:** The increase of \$200.00 requested is for increased fuel costs. An examination of total Library cost, and comparison with those of other communities made by this committee indicate that we are getting considerably better than average service at reasonable cost.

**Town Poor:** In the light of experience over the last five years, this committee recommends that the appropriation be reduced to \$300.00.

**Snow Fences:** We recommend that this item be considered, henceforth, as a part of the Winter Maintenance item.

**Cemeteries:** The \$100.00 increase requested on this item reflects increased operating costs.

**Damages and Legal Expense, including dog damage:** Request for \$150.00 increase is based upon the experience of the past year.

**Hydrant Rental:** This committee reiterates its recommendation of last year that this item be entered under Protection of Persons and Property in future budgets.

ARTICLES 3 & 4.

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 5.

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose.

ARTICLE 6.

We recommend approval. This is a continuation of the long range plan for improvement of black-topped roads as recommended by the committee last year. Expenditures this year are to be for rebuilding of culverts on such roads.

ARTICLE 7.

No comment.

ARTICLE 8.

No comment.

#### ARTICLE 9.

We recommend approval. This committee comments that the Town may be faced with necessity of purchasing a new grader in two or three years. This committee recommends further that life of present grader be conserved as much as possible by the renting of heavier equipment for work beyond the capacity of the present grader.

#### ARTICLE 10.

No comment.

#### ARTICLE 11.

We recommend approval.

#### ARTICLE 12.

In view of the money already expended for the long range program of major repairs to the Town Hall, it is recommended that the amount to be raised and appropriated be reduced to \$1000.00 to be used for a continuance of this program. This amount is to be expended for panic hardware on outside doors, in reconditioning the dining room floor and for such other work as the Special Town Hall Committee may recommend. It is recommended further that a budget be submitted by the Town Hall Committee, each year prior to the posting of the Warrant so that the Selectmen and your Ways and Means Committee may act upon definite recommendations.

#### ARTICLE 13.

No comment.

#### ARTICLE 14.

No comment.

#### ARTICLE 15.

We recommend approval. This committee recommends further that, henceforth, items like nozzles and helmets be included in regular Fire Department budgets on whatever schedule is necessary to keep equipment in good order.

## SCHOOL WARRANT

#### ARTICLES 1 through 7.

No comment is necessary.

#### ARTICLE 8.

We recommend approval of the School Budget except as noted, and offer comment on some items:

**Item 6:** In order to maintain an adequate staff the School Board must make a yearly appraisal of its salary set-up. This year they have recommended that the base



scale of salaries be raised and this increase, along with increases made according to the established plan used by the School Board, is reflected in this item. Included also is salary for music instruction which, following a recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee of last year, has been entered under item of Salaries.

**Item 11:** Increase of \$300.00 is for necessary increased janitor service.

**Item 13:** Due to typographical error the amount for this item is incorrect. This committee recommends that \$1,350.00 be raised and appropriated for this item. The increase of \$100.00 over last year is for increased cost of lighting.

**Item 16:** This committee recommends that \$13,000.00 be raised and appropriated for this item with the feeling that the requested increase of \$3,500.00 does not represent a realistic picture of increased costs over last year but with the recognition that there is justification for upward adjustment on this item over last year.

**Item 17:** Milford has set the tuition charge for forthcoming year at \$317.85, an increase of \$67.85 per pupil over the \$250.00 per pupil charged up to this time. It is anticipated that there will be 83 pupils going to Milford. Total increase will be \$8,381.55 over last year due to increased number of pupils and increased charges.

**Item 19:** The increase of \$338.35 represents increased Town contribution under Social Security requirements, on higher payrolls and broader coverage.

**Item 20:** Increase is due to this being the year in which certain three year premiums become due. Reference to School Board Narrative Report will also show that there is proposed increase in coverage on certain types of liability.

**Item 22:** This is a continuation of the previously recommended plan for building improvement. Expenditures, this year, are to be for painting.

WILLIAM C. VOSE, Chairman  
LAWRENCE C. HALL  
JOHN H. MORISON  
ERNEST L. WARREN  
LINWOOD G. HUNTINGTON  
RAE V. COMERFORD  
ROLAND K. FRASER

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Accrued Interest on hand Jan. 1, 1956	
Souhegan National Bank	\$ 399.09
Manchester Savings Bank	1,157.75
Fidelity Fund	2,000.22
Dividends and Interest received in 1956	2,673.32
	<hr/> \$6,230.38

Expenditures in 1956	\$2,000.28
Accrued Interest on hand Dec. 31, 1956	
Souhegan National Bank	881.38
Manchester Savings Bank	1,348.50
Fidelity Fund	2,000.22
	<hr/> \$6,230.38

### GRADER FUND

On hand Jan. 1, 1956; Manchester Savings Bk.	\$1,564.43
Deposits in 1956	42.00
Interest Earned in 1956	51.24
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On hand Dec. 31, 1956; Manchester Savings Bk.	\$1,657.67

MERIC G. ARNOLD  
 BENJAMIN G. BUNDY  
 HOWARD G. ARNOLD  
 Trustees of Trust Funds

# Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Amherst on December 31, 1956

No. of Shares		HOW INVESTED Description of Investment	COMMON TRUST "A" — PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT					
Jan. 1 1956	Add- ed in 1956		Balance Beginning Year	Receipts	Capital Gains Cash	New Cost	Transfers	Balance End Year
752	47	U. S. Treasury "G" Bonds	\$19,000.00					\$19,000.00
372	19	Manchester Savings Bank	281.31					281.31
346	17	Incorporated Investors Trust	8,691.57		\$ 14.10	\$ 8,677.47		8,677.47
246	17	Massachusetts Investors Trust	7,750.20		18.90	7,731.30		7,731.30
282	228	Chemical Fund Stock Split in '55	4,816.08		11.42	4,804.66		4,804.66
282	14	Fidelity Fund	4,901.44		8.48	4,892.96		4,892.96
343	282	Fidelity Fund Stock Split in '55	7,973.75		9.45	7,964.30		7,964.30
414	47	National Investors Trust	7,970.65	1,900.00	2.79	7,967.86	1,900.00	7,967.86
		Funds Received in '53 Transferred to Common Trust A						
		Trans. to Savings Bk. from Spld. Cem. Fd. in Com. Trust A						
		Total Capital Gains in '56; Manchester Savings Bank			65.14			65.14
			\$61,385.00	\$ 1,900.00			\$ 1,900.00	\$61,385.00

## COMMON TRUST "A" — INCOME ACCOUNT

No. of Shares		HOW INVESTED Description of Investment	INCOME ACCOUNT			COMMON TRUST "A" — PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT		
Jan. 1 1956	Add- ed in 1956		Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Balance End Year
113	5	Souhegan National Bank	399.09			\$ 881.38		
	113	Manchester Savings Bank	1,046.44			1,203.55		
		Fidelity Fund	2,000.22			2,000.22		
		Fidelity Fund Stock Split in '55		2,354.92				
		Income from Principal Account A		174.72				
		Income from Income Account A			1,015.20			
		Perpetual Care & Maintenance of Cemeteries			150.00			
		Town of Amherst, Cemetery Improvement			327.64			
		Amherst Town Library			411.34			
		Amherst School District			56.60			
		Town of Amherst; Highway Maintenance						
			\$ 3,445.75	\$ 2,529.64	\$ 1,960.78	\$ 4,085.15		

# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst on December 31, 1956

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested		PRINCIPAL			INCOME			
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year		
1952	Common Trust Fund A	{ Cemetery Library School Highway Cemetery }	\$61,385.00		\$61,385.00	\$ 3,445.75	\$ 2,529.64	\$ 1,960.78	\$ 4,085.15		
1953	New Funds Transferred to Common Trust A		1,900.00		1,900.00	70.54	*	*			
1930	Special Cemetery Fund Transferred from Common Trust A							**			
1954	New Funds (B)	Cemetery	1,250.00								
1955	New Funds (B)	Cemetery	950.00								
1956	New Funds (B)	Cemetery	\$65,485.00	1,255.00	3,455.00	40.77	143.68	39.50	144.95		
			\$ 1,255.00	\$66,740.00	\$ 2,673.32	\$ 3,557.06	\$ 2,000.28	\$ 4,230.10			

## DETAILS OF NEW FUNDS

Hugh A. Fletcher \$150.00  
 W. L. Robinson 150.00  
 Mrs. Dolly Jackson 200.00  
 Mrs. Marion Scarles 150.00  
 S. L. Staples 150.00  
 Howard R. Locke 155.00  
 Charles S. Pherson 300.00

\* Income and expenditures included above.  
 \*\* Income included below.

## REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE

January 23, 1957

During the year 1956 there were fourteen applications for buildings and signs within the districts covered by the Zoning Ordinance on which permits were issued as follows:

Dwelling houses	5
Signs	2
Motel	1
Business buildings	2
Hen house	1
Kennel	1
Private garage	1
Addition to dwelling	1

The permits for the private garage and one of the signs were issued by authority of the Board of Zoning Adjustment on appeal by the applicants.

BENJAMIN B. PIPER,  
Administrative Official.

## REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSION

Every year seems to bring some special problem to the Road Agent and 1956 was no exception. The heavy snow of last spring, which came after the ground thawed, yet still had to be plowed, caused extensive damage to the roads as the plows ripped up a great many of the soft shoulders. This increased the job of patching to a major undertaking. However, the patching was thoroughly done and many of the high shoulders lowered so that the same thing would not occur again.

The annual oiling program covered nearly one-third of the existing black roads, so that Amherst should soon be back on the three year program. The unexpended balance in the oiling appropriation results not because of a lack of eligible roads, but because of our inability to borrow sand spreaders at the proper time. Two new spreaders have now been purchased, so that Amherst will not have to borrow from the towns or the State.

Brush removal continues to be an extremely expensive operation, but the Road Commission is considering the possibility of outside professional help or the use of a chipper. This year the brush removal was concentrated on the town highways north of N. H. Route 101 while next year it will be concentrated on those south of 101.

Under the new appropriation for Highway Rebuilding, the curve and knoll in front of the James Young Residence on the Baboosic Lake road was removed. This proved to be a harder job than anticipated, but will eliminate the worst hazzard on that road. This excavation was not oiled last year to give it a chance to settle and also to utilize the heavy roller which will be used nearby this coming summer. If the Rebuilding Appropriation is continued this year, your officials would like to use it to replace about fourteen old culverts which lie in different sections of the town and no longer function. We feel this to be a basic need and should be taken care of before any further rebuilding is done.

The T. R. A. funds were used as follows:

Oiled the Junkins Road (1 mile).

Graveled the Christian Hill Road from Stimson's to Worrad's (.5 mile).

Graveled the West part of Austin Road (.3 mile).

Three-fourths of the Preparatory work on Warren's end of Walnut Hill Road (.4 mile).

Preparatory work on the Pierre Martin Road (.2 mile).

Nearly \$1,000.00 of the T. R. A. and \$200.00 of town funds were spent on this road last year. This is greatly in excess of what would normally be justified, but your officials felt that over a period of years we would save the town money by eliminating the snow removal problems on this relatively unimportant section of road.

Repairs to our grader cost \$510.00 this year and anticipated repairs for next year, will be about \$1,000.00, therefore, an article will ask for this sum, as it is too large to take from the Highway program. We suggest that the town appoint a committee to investigate and report on advisability of purchasing a different grader.

The following is the schedule of rates used in the Highway Dept.

Laborer—\$1.10 per hour.

Truck Driver—\$1.20 per hour.

Foreman—\$1.35 per hour.

Grader Operator—\$1.50 per hour.

Trucks—\$3.50-up depending on capacity.

Snow plowing—\$4.00 per hour.

In closing this report we would like to thank the Road Agent for his cooperation and his interest in our highways.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. ARNOLD

A. L. UNDERWOOD

H. H. WILKINS, Jr.



## AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

### Librarian's Report

This year has been one of progress for the Library. With the completion of the new heating system, it has been possible to open up two additional rooms on the first floor to the public. By rearranging bookcases, tables, chairs and benches, the room to the left of the entrance hall is now the adult reading room, with magazines and current fiction. Adjoining this is the Historical Room, which contains historical objects pertaining to the town and its colonial heritage as well as files of old newspapers dating back to the year 1796. All are available for research on request.

The room to the right of the entrance hall is now officially called the Children's Room. Many excellent displays of children's books for their reading pleasure are to be found there.

The children's story hour was continued again this summer and we owe Mrs. Willene Knight and Mrs. Eva Gagnon a debt of gratitude for their cooperation and interest in this work.

We are also deeply indebted to Mrs. Virginia Chambers who each year makes and donates to the Library very attractive and interesting Christmas decorations. They are much admired and appreciated.

We wish to express our appreciation to the following people for their gifts of books and magazines:

Mrs. Jean Chase, Mr. Charles Dearing, Mrs. Alice Peaslee, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Catherine Kruger, Mrs. Elizabeth Huntington, Mrs. Anne Moody, Miss Honora Spalding, Mrs. Norwin Bean, and to the pupils of the sixth grade for a book given in memory of their classmate, James Duhaime.

The Bookmobile from the New Hampshire State Library in Concord continues to loan books to us throughout the year. This helps a great deal to supplement our own supply of books.

During the year 379 books were accessioned to the Library, of which 132 were classified as adult fiction, 43 as adult non-fiction, 127 as juvenile fiction and 77 as juvenile non-fiction. Twenty magazines and one local newspaper are available to borrowers.

The circulation during the year 1956 has been as follows:



Adult fiction	3538	Juvenile fiction	4663
Adult non-fiction	1018	Juvenile non-fiction	1309
Adult magazines	883		
Total	5439	Total	5972

Grand total circulation: 11,411

A change in Library hours should be noted. As of January 1, 1957. On Friday evening, the hours are from 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. instead of from 6:30 P. M. to 8:30 P. M. as formerly.

On Tuesday and Friday afternoons, the schedule remains the same, with the Library open from 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

At this time I wish to thank the Trustees for their thoughtfulness and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION U. NELSON

January 9, 1957

# AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

January 7, 1957

The Selectmen  
Amherst, N. H.

Dear Sirs:

The Trustees of the Town Library request an appropriation for 1957 of \$2,000.00, an increase of \$200.00 over those of the last two years. The newly installed oil-fired, forced hot air heating system and the fact that two additional rooms and two halls are now being heated will entail increased fuel cost which are estimated to be at least one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) additional. The opening of the two rooms will increase the lighting costs; furthermore prices of books, magazines, and supplies have increased. Our expenditures during 1956 exceeded income by \$97.80.

The list of Library Trustees is:

Margaret Seamans	1 Year
Henry F. Merrill	1 Year
Margaret Moser	2 Years
Cleaveland J. Campbell	2 Years
Elizabeth Hall	3 Years
Rev. Frank M. Weiskel	3 Years

The Treasurer's report is attached hereto and with it there is a statement of the Mary B. Upham Fund. From this you will note that the heating system and bulkhead have been installed. There is a balance of \$3,175.88, which

it is proposed to use for: laying on a water supply, installing a toilet and septic tank, and for arranging for better access between the various rooms, erecting a partition in the rear hall, etc.

Yours very truly,  
**HENRY F. MERRILL,**  
 Secretary-Treasurer

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **RECEIPTS**

January 1, 1956, cash on hand	\$ 378.37
Appropriation	1,800.00
Trust Funds—1955 additional income	112.64
Trust Funds—1956 income	215.00
Misc., gifts, fines and sales of books, mags.	165.27

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\$2,671.28

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Books	\$ 898.78
Magazines	91.07
Salaries	810.26
Lights	56.63
Building and grounds	121.40
Fuel	198.34
Supplies	54.76
Upkeep	159.47
December 31, 1956, cash on hand	280.57

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\$2,671.28

### **Mary B. Upham Fund**

#### **RECEIPTS**

January 1, 1956, cash on hand	\$5,341.34
Bank interest	122.53

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\$5,463.87

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Carl K. Stimson, heating system	\$1,850.00
Melio Riccitelli, steel bulkhead and stone work	330.00
Kokko, Builders, cut and patch holes in floor	47.85
Kokko, Builders, wooden door and steps in basement	60.14
December 31, 1956, cash on hand	3,175.88

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\$5,463.87

**HENRY F. MERRILL,**  
 Treasurer.

## REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT

The Amherst Municipal Court experienced a modest increase in its case load, primarily in the number of motor vehicle violations coming within its jurisdiction, during the year 1956. In an effort to reduce the number and seriousness of these offenses and to reverse the tendency of ever increasing numbers of violations, the Court has adopted a more stringent scale of penalties for routine offenders of the motor vehicle laws.

During the past year the Supreme Court reviewed one significant appeal from the rulings of law of the Amherst Municipal Court. The result of this case received widespread interest since it established for the first time the law relative to evidence obtained by wire tapping in New Hampshire. The case has been returned to the jurisdiction of the Amherst Court for trial on the facts. The unfortunate hospitalization of one after another of the principals involved in the case has caused a postponement of the final decision. This case is the only one carrying over from the preceeding year.

George Howard was appointed Clerk of the Court and served faithfully during the year. It is hoped that he will continue to bear the burden of this office, which involves a considerable amount of arduous paper work.

CHARLES J. LINCOLN,  
Justice  
WILLIAM C. VOSE,  
Special Justice

### Municipal Court 1956

Total Number of Cases		70
Motor Vehicle violations	53	
Fish and Game violations	3	
Employment Security violations	5	
Other cases	9	
Dr.		
Cash on hand due town	\$	.50
Total Fines received		1,075.00
		<hr/> \$1,075.50
Cr.		
Town Treasurer	\$	400.50
Motor Vehicle Department		531.00
Fish and Game Department		54.00
Employment Security Department		90.00
		<hr/> \$1,075.50

## AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

### WARRANT

#### The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the  
County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified  
to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said  
Amherst on Friday, the 15th day of March, next at eight  
of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following sub-  
jects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the  
year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary  
to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make ap-  
propriations of the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this seventh day of  
February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and  
fifty seven.

F. TENNEY CLOUGH,  
CARL E. PETERSON,  
OTTO NEUGEBAUER,

Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

F. TENNEY CLOUGH,  
CARL E. PETERSON,  
OTTO NEUGEBAUER,

Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

## AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

Compared to

Estimated and Actual Receipts and Expenditures of the Previous  
Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

### RECEIPTS

	Estimated 1956	Received 1956	Estimated 1957
Cash on hand January 1, 1956	\$ 785.60	\$ 785.60	\$ 314.10
Reserve	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Total cash on hand	\$ 1,785.60	\$ 1,785.60	\$ 1,814.10
Income water service prior year	\$ 2,272.28	\$ 2,272.28	\$ 2,315.05
Income water service current year	2,850.00	3,084.91	2,900.00
Total income water service	\$ 5,122.28	\$ 5,357.19	\$ 5,215.05
Hydrant rental	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,365.00
Precinct tax	5,242.76	5,242.76	*5,069.95
Total Receipts	\$13,515.64	\$13,750.55	\$13,464.10

### EXPENDITURES

Bonds called and cancelled	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Bond interest	3,015.00	3,015.00	2,880.00
Superintendent's Salary	500.00	499.99	500.00
Asst. Supt. Salary	000.00	37.45	50.00
Tax Collector's Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Accounting	100.00	100.00	100.00
Meters	250.00	370.52	60.00
Electricity	1,000.00	1,086.69	1,100.00
Operating supplies and maintenance	300.00	391.47	300.00
Service connections	250.00	158.04	250.00
Water tests (express charges)	15.00	00.00	10.00
Office supplies and printing	50.00	47.79	150.00
Insurance	125.00	119.25	125.00
Fire alarm maintenance	75.00	36.37	75.00
Reserve	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1956	785.60	785.60	314.10
Total Expenditures	\$13,515.60	\$13,698.17	\$13,464.10

\*To be raised by taxes in 1957

RANDOLPH KRUGER

Treasurer

# AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1956

## ASSETS

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956	\$ 1,814.10	
Accounts Receivable, including December 31 bills	2,315.05	
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Total current Assets		\$ 4,129.15
Water System		
Land and buildings	679.60	
Wells, pump, mains etc.	150,252.71	
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	\$150,932.31	
Fire Alarm System	6,700.00	
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Total Fixed Assets		\$157,632.31
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Total Assets		\$161,761.46

## LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	\$131,000.00	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	30,761.46	
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		\$161,761.46

RANDOLPH KRUGER,

Treasurer

## AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

As in the preceding four years, 1956 showed an increase in the number of water services which now stands at 147. There is no doubt, however, that further growth will be slight since practically every house within the district limits is now connected. We suggest that careful consideration be given to extending the advantages of our municipal water system to adjoining sections where practical.

Despite the increasing costs of labor and materials, and greater operating costs resultant from more consumers, the board has been able to again reduce the amount to be raised by precinct tax.

During the past year, Edward Marchildon has assisted Richard Crocker in his duties as superintendent, thereby gaining a knowledge of the system. The availability of an alternate man is extremely important, particularly in case of illness or absence. We are grateful to have two men who are dependable and trustworthy for this important job.

In the event of a property transfer, it is requested that the Treasurer be notified by the owner in order that the charges may be accurately assessed to the proper party.

Respectfully submitted,

F. TENNEY CLOUGH

CARL E. PETERSON

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER

Commissioners.

## AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

### School Officers

Mrs. Dorothy Davis, School Board	Term Expires 1957
Mr. Kenneth Goodwin, School Board	Term Expires 1958
Mr. Curtis Worthen	Term Expires 1959
Mr. Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent
Mr. Everett Rockwell	Principal
Mrs. Catherine Kruger	Clerk and Treasurer
Mr. Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
Alexandre Law, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N.	School Nurse
Mrs. Dorothy Davis	Truant Officer
Mabel I. Connolly	Helping Teacher

### School Calendar for 1956-57

Begin	Close
Wed., September 5, 1956	Fri., December 21, 1956
Wed., January 2, 1957	Fri., February 15, 1957
Mon., February 24, 1957	Fri., April 19, 1957
Mon., April 29, 1957	Approx., June 11, 1957
Holidays:	
October 18-19 — Teachers' Convention	
November 22-23 — Thanksgiving	
School classes at 12:15 — November 21, 1956	
May 30, Memorial Day	

### School Calendar for 1957-58

Begin	Close
Wed., September 4, 1957	Fri., December 20, 1957
Thurs., January 2, 1958	Fri., February 21, 1958
Mon., March 3, 1958	Fri., April 25, 1958
Mon., May 5, 1958	Approx. June 11, 1958
Holidays:	
October 17-18 — Teachers' Convention	
November 28-29 — Thanksgiving	
School closes at 12:15 P. M. — November 27	
May 30 — Memorial Day	



## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

### The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March 1956, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years; to choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sums of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 11th day of February, 1957.

DOROTHY J. DAVIS, Chairman  
CURTIS R. WORTHEN, Secretary  
KENNETH GOODWIN,  
School Board.

## NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1956

### EXPENDITURES

Current Expenditures	\$93,493.95	
Capital Outlay:		
Additions and Improvements	1,200.00	
New Equipment	620.00	
Debt and Interest	10,989.39	
Special Appropriations:		
Social Security	145.00	
Band Instruction	700.00	
Grounds Improvement	400.00	
Black-Top	500.00	
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Total Appropriation		\$108,048.34

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

Balance, June 30, 1956 (Est.)	\$ 3,000.00	
State Aid (Est.)	1,600.00	
Trust Funds (Est.)	430.00	
Other Receipts (Est.)	1,500.00	
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Assessment Required to Meet School District Assessment	101,518.34	
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Total Appropriation		\$108,048.34

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Amherst School District held March 9, 1956.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,

Clerk.

# BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR — 1956-1957

	Working Budget 1956-57	Proposed Budget 1957-58
<b>Administration:</b>		
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00*
2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	963.50	994.50*
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	784.00	748.00*
4. Salaries of other Administration Personnel	1,038.50	1,158.86*
5. Supplies and Expenses	561.50	607.70*
	\$ 3,679.50	\$ 3,841.06
<b>Instruction:</b>		
6. Principals' and Teachers' Salaries	45,200.00	48,100.00
7. Books and other Instruction Aids	1,260.00	1,280.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	1,575.00	1,600.00
10. Supplies and other Instruction Expenses	725.00	725.00
	48,760.00	51,705.00
<b>Operation of School Plant:</b>		
11. Salaries of Janitors	3,200.00	3,500.00
12. Fuel or Heat	2,100.00	2,100.00
13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies	1,250.00	1,450.00
	6,550.00	7,050.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant:</b>		
14. Repairs and Replacements	300.00	300.00
	300.00	300.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities:</b>		
15. Health Supervision	649.94	740.00
16. Transportation	10,500.00	14,000.00
17. Tuition	18,000.00	26,381.55
18. Special Activities	200.00	200.00
	29,349.94	41,321.55

**Fixed Charges:**

19. Retirement	3,064.87		3,403.22
20. Insurance, Bonds and Expenses	989.64		1,066.59

4,054.51

4,469.81

**Capital Outlay:**

22. Additions and Improvement to Buildings	1,600.00		900.00
23. New Equipment	620.00		.....

2,220.00

900.00

**Other Charges:**

25. Principal of Debt	10,000.00		10,000.00
26. Interest on Debt	989.39		710.77
27. Contingency	1,500.00		1,500.00

12,489.39

12,210.77

**TOTAL  
ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT:**

Balance	\$ 4,049.67	\$	.....
Trust Funds	430.00		430.00
Contingency Fund	1,500.00		1,500.00
State Building Fund	2,000.00		2,000.00

7,979.67

3,930.00

Assessment needed March 1956  
Assessment needed March 1957

117,868.19

\$108,048.34

\$121,798.19

\* Statutory Obligations

NOTE: Numbers at the left agree with financial accounting forms approved by State Tax Commission. Omissions indicate that we do not use the omitted columns.

## REPORT OF TREASURER

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956)  
CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Treasurer,

In Account with the School District of Amherst

### Dr.

Balance as per last report	\$ 773.48
Board of Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation as of March 1955	99,239.50
Federal Funds	1,384.30
Other:	
Income from Trust Funds	411.34
Other Income	76.54
Total	<hr/> \$101,885.16

### Cr.

Payments on order of School Board	\$ 97,835.19
Cash on Hand June 30, 1956	4,049.67
Total	<hr/> \$101,885.16

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all  
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON  
GEORGE H. HOWARD,  
Auditors.

## ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Your board presents the 1957-58 school budget with feelings similar to those experienced by the little Dutch boy who stood with his finger in the dyke. But the similarity ends very quickly, for the poet has the youthful efforts actually check the flood; your board can determine no means to stem the rise in the school budget. The trend is nationwide and no one who has alerted himself for the past decade to school needs should be surprised; on the other hand, you taxpayers are deserving of an explanation of the unusual rise in certain items in the proposed budget.

Item 6, teachers' salaries, is almost \$3,000.00 greater than last year's. The teaching profession countrywide is being elevated both in status and in salary. The board in maintaining a salary schedule is very conscious of the accepted fact that new teachers will be asking for and getting \$3,200.00 or more next year. The most important thing in educating our children is not the building or the equipment. It is the teacher.

Item 16, transportation is rising from \$10,500.00 to \$14,000.00. According to a chart of comparative transportation costs of the five towns in this union, the costs in cents per mile are as follows: Amherst 31½ cents, Milford 45 1/3 cents, Brookline 35 cents, Mt. Vernon 51½ cents and Hollis 37 cents. The total miles a year runs from Mt. Vernon's 7,000 through about 20,000 for both Milford and Brookline, 24,000 for Hollis to 33,300 for Amherst. We refer you to the last three yearly reports for previous discussions on the subject of transportation.

Item 17, tuition, has jumped from \$18,000.00 to \$26,381.55 because the Milford Board has announced that the estimated cost per pupil for tuition purposes for 1956-57 will be \$317.85. A comparison of estimated tuition rates in other school districts is in order, to accept and to understand the increase from \$250.00 per pupil, which has been the figure we have become accustomed to: Hollis, \$368.26; New Boston, \$415.43; Manchester, \$328.24; and Nashua, \$381.61. A gradual increase would be easier to swallow, but we should appreciate the low rate we have enjoyed for several years. The law (194:27) states "the liability of any school district for the tuition of any pupils shall be limited to the state average cost per pupil of the current expenses of operation of all public high schools, as estimated by the

state board of education for the preceding school year, or the current expenses of operation of the receiving school district for its high school, as estimated by the state board of education for the preceding school year, whichever is less." The state average is \$376.54.

Under improvements to grounds and buildings we invite your inspection of the enlarged hot top play area at the Clark School, the newly decorated annex, and the grading around the Brick School which will be completed in the spring. The Town Tree Committee has planted two new trees at the Brick School and plans have been made for three at the Clark School. Item 22 calls for \$900.00. We plan to continue the program of interior painting as well as the improvement of the grounds at both buildings.

Item 20. Your board would like to raise the limits on our present liability policy from \$25,000.00 and \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 and \$300,000.00 and include a property damage policy of \$5,000.00 and \$25,000.00 limit. For complete protection, especially in the Hot Lunch Program, we would write an aggregate products policy with \$50,000.00 limits for a three year period.

Item 25. By vote of the last district meeting the board was instructed to renegotiate the bond issue on our indebtedness, the object being to take fuller advantage of the state aid to building, and so to amortize our debt over a shorter period. The new schedule calls for the payments as follows: two for \$10,000.00, two for \$8,000.00 and one for \$7,000.00.

Your board returned \$1,000.00 to the selectmen last June. This represented the decrease in the expected number of tuition pupils at Milford High School. See last year's report for explanation.

This report would not be complete without a word of appreciation to Superintendent Bowley, Miss Connolly, Mr. Childs, Miss Wheeler, and to Principal Rockwell and all our own teachers for their constant consideration and sincere efforts for our boys and girls. We should also like to thank our two janitors, Mr. William Wells, the regular custodian, and Mr. Alexander Godin, for too often we take for granted their work and interest.

We close by inviting your study and understanding of the needs and problems of our school as reflected in the budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
DOROTHY J. DAVIS, Chairman  
CURTIS WORTHEN, Secretary  
KENNETH GOODWIN



## ADMINISTRATION

I herewith present my eighteenth Annual Report. Besides this essay, I refer you to other material herewith.

### Instruction

Since the last report we have had the following changes:

Teacher Leaving		Replacement
Junior High		
Nancy Heath (Marriage)		Mrs. Alice Carpenter
Romuald Sinkervitch (Another position)		Alden Hoyt
Art		
Mrs. Natalie Fleming		William Childs
(Family moved away)		

The other members of the Staff continue to merit your approval. Miss Wheeler in Music comes once per week as she has for many years.

### Costs

This is a big factor in all our thinking this year. Tuition liability may be determined by the average per pupil cost of the receiving district or the state average cost per pupil for current expenses whichever is less. The State Board of Education can estimate these costs for this year and thus determine maximum liability for a sending district. Milford has reluctantly adopted this method of determining tuition rates. However, they have said that the rate would be the actual average costs per pupil for current expenses as last determined, not estimated. An examination of the following table will illustrate what it cost some districts in 1956-57:

Belmont	\$317.86	Manchester	328.24
Bristol	362.75	Milford	317.85
Goffstown	317.02	Nashua	381.61
Hillsboro	319.27	New Boston	415.43
Hollis	368.26	Peterborough	314.16
Hudson	318.29	Wilton	267.96
Jaffrey	\$542.45	Weare	433.50
New Hampshire			330.00

The Milford rate for Grades 9-12 next year has been advanced to \$317.85 and Grades 7-8 to \$190.56 to follow the above trend in costs and liability. If estimates for 1956-57 were used as allowed by law, the state average being \$354.00 and \$231.00, probably higher rates could be established but the Milford Board is desirous to utilize actual figures rather than estimates, hence the above named rates apply to 1957-58 tuition.



A comparison of schools costs in this Union is interesting, 1955-56 average per pupil costs of Current Expenses—no debt or Capital outlay included:

	Grades 1-8	Grades 9-12
Amherst	\$230.48	
Brookline	218.93	
Hollis	183.59	\$368.26
Milford	190.67	317.85
Mont Vernon	237.07	

The two large items in school costs are increasing enrollments, and all this entails in building costs, and teacher salaries. Regarding population changes, we seem assured of having more young and many of them will stay in school longer. If the present trend continues as with the present group of families, we are sure to have a still larger school population when the large numbers now in school begin to have children. Children grow up, enter school, marry and have children. By 1965 it is estimated that we will have 30% more children in Elementary grades and 50% more in High School. The implications toward school spending are evident. It may have to be doubled just to catch up with the growth. Teachers' salaries are increasing everywhere and the end is not in sight. In order to be at all competitive, if a new teacher is hired, we must offer a \$3,200 minimum which has a resulting effect of increasing those already in our employ to just preserve a status quo between the experienced and inexperienced.

#### Acknowledgements

I am very grateful to the Board, the teachers, Miss Connolly and the Community for their interest and efforts in behalf of Better Schools.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,  
Superintendent of Schools.

January 28, 1957

## HELPING TEACHER

In this, my fourth report, I would like to consider one important phase of the work of the Helping Teacher—the testing program.

### The Testing Program

Any program must be definite in itself and serve a distinct purpose if it is to be employed with any success. With this in mind a long range program has been established which covers in range the pre-school through the twelfth grade and in scope the most important subject areas as well as intelligence. Any child in this union entering the first grade and continuing through high school will, in the course of twelve years, be tested once for reading readiness, seven times for reading, three times each for arithmetic, work study skills, intelligence, and twice for high school English.

### Why This Program?

Because reading is the most important skill, upon which most other subjects depend, the pupils will be tested more times in this area. This will be in the beginning of his school career when the mechanics of reading are learned and at the end where their use is vital to a continuing education whether or not the pupil goes to college. It is necessary also to know how well the pupil has attained the many concepts of number and the techniques of their use, so arithmetic tests are included. What skills have been acquired in the abilities to seek out and interpret information? The work study skills tests show the teacher how well the pupil can use the dictionary, index reference material, map, graph and chart. The English tests are given at the high school level as this will be the last chance for those planning to enter college to master the requirements, and also the last chance for those not going to college to attain a good background in English. Also the language series used throughout the union provides progress tests for the elementary grades. The intelligence tests help all concerned to understand the pupil's potential and what can reasonably be expected of him. One test alone usually is not enough while three taken at intervals may give a more complete picture.

All of these tests are standardized, which means they have been given to pupils during a nation-wide program and on the basis of thousands of scores certain standards have been set up. We in this union may compare the abilities and achievements of our children with those of the nation of the same age or grade. We may also make similar comparisons among our own schools or classrooms. From the achievement tests we learn what the pupil has or has not mastered, and what his weaknesses may be. On the basis of these results the teacher plans a program which will help the pupil. Through a continued testing program we are aware of the degree of growth made between tests and can more intelligently go about stimulating those whose growth for some reason has slackened.

## Results

A brief summary of results showing how the median for Union #40 compares with the national score is as follows:

Given March, April, May 1956.

Grade 1	Reading	6	months	above	national	norm
Grade 2	"	12	"	"	"	"
Grade 3	Work Study	3	"	"	"	"
Grade 4	" "	3	"	"	"	"
Grade 5	" "	exactly at the national norm				
Grade 6	" "	3 months above the national norm				

Given November 1956.

Grade 3	Reading	13	months	above	national	norm
" 4	"	5	"	"	"	"
" 5	"	2	"	"	"	"
" 6	"	3	"	"	"	"
" 7	"	2	"	"	"	"
" 8	"	3	"	"	"	"
" 9	"	2	"	"	"	"
" 10	"	2	"	"	"	"
" 12	"	1	"	"	"	"
" 10	English	6	"	"	"	"
" 11	"	13	"	"	"	"
" 12	"	4	"	"	"	"

It would appear from the above that in Union #40 Johnny can read and knows his English, and we may well expect him to because in every grade the median I. Q. is above the national norm. It is good to know that our children are of such high caliber and that our teachers are doing so well in recognizing this and are holding them to superior performance.

Such a program requires a great deal of cooperation of all concerned, as much work is involved in giving, correcting and evaluating the tests, in diagnosing pupil difficulties and in corrective follow-up. We may be sure that our teachers, in participating in this program, are truly concerned about the welfare of our children.

### **Appreciation**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, principals, Mr. Bowley, members of the school boards, parents, and others for their valuable cooperation and assistance in the many phases of my work as Helping Teacher.

Respectfully,

MABEL I. CONNOLLY,  
Helping Teacher

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools, School Board, and citizens of Amherst I present my third annual report of Amherst Elementary School.

We have 314 students in school divided into 12 classes for an average of 25 plus per room. Three of these classes are double grades and nine are straight grades. Four of the twelve are in modern classrooms. The departmental system in grades seven and eight is maintained but will be threatened by numbers and double grades.

Your faculty has studied and adopted the best series available in arithmetic which brings it up to the level of reading. We hope to carry out studies of social studies and science in the same manner.

The scholastic achievement of your students as evidenced in Miss Connolly's report, attests to the fact that the basic education of Amherst youth is well taken care of. We consistently score well against national test norms.

As in the 1946 Report the Annex is in A-1 shape. This time I may mention a new ceiling, new wainscoting, and refinished floor. It is a joy to use this building.

Our visual aids program has been very much improved by having a faculty co-ordinator and the addition of the overhead projector with the tachistoscopic attachment.

Your P.T.A. carries on with many worthwhile projects such as hot lunch, dental, music, and other programs.

Your faculty works hard to give the kind of education necessary. It needs your studied backing and subtle influence is greatest on them during the first 15 years. Let's work to give them the start which we may later wish we had given. This is our one opportunity.

**Some questions for all of us:**

### (1) Recreation-Gymnasium-Auditorium

The P.T.A. is sponsoring a survey of the town by the National Recreation Association. Recreation has been a problem for many years if town reports are a suitable reference. Hot lunch, student productions, and assemblies might count here too, together with a suitable assembly hall for a growing town.

(2) The acceptance of a junior high with proper courses has cropped up often in the past. The state will not accredit us with a junior high until we have shop and home economics.

(3) The music program with Miss Wheeler is of high value but stretched too thin. Work needs to be done on more choral direction. The addition of more rooms has just made Miss Wheeler's time shorter with each class.

(4) Long range planning should be more formal, recorded, accessible and continually in a state of revision. Do you know what it means to have a principal or teacher come to Amherst and get acclimated as to the tempo of the town and to where he or she fits? The last ten years show six different people writing the principal's report. This may be a peculiar 10 years, but I think research will prove otherwise, with some unbelievable changes of staff and with more to come. What of the citizens who want to lend profitable help? Where do they post themselves as to where we have been and where we shall go? In a population such as Amherst's I think it behooves us to think in long range terms in order to facilitate matters and make it easier for those who try to maintain their equilibrium in the midst of a changing town.

May I express my appreciation to our faculty, Superintendent Bowley, Miss Connolly, the School Board, Mr. Wells, and to those many parents and citizens who make my life interesting.

Sincerely,

EVERETT O. ROCKWELL,

Principal

## AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING — MARCH 9, 1956

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Creeley S. Buchanan at 8:05 P. M., March 9, 1956. Rev. Frank M. Weiskel invoked the blessing.

The Moderator asked if there were no objections he would dispense with the reading of the Warrant. There were no objections.

Article 1. Creeley Buchanan was unanimously elected as Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2. Catherine A. Kruger was unanimously elected as School Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Catherine A. Kruger was unanimously elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 4. Curtis R. Worthen was unanimously elected to serve as a Member of the School Board for three years.

Article 5. Curtis Worthen made a motion that this article be passed and taken up under the budget. Carried.

Article 6. Kenneth Goodwin made a motion to hear the reports of agents, auditors, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto. Carried.

Article 7. Kenneth Goodwin moved that George H. Howard and Orson H. Bragdon be elected auditors for the School District. Carried.

Article 8. Curtis Worthen explained the budget, taking one item at a time and gave the amounts needed. Comments were many on art. Mr. Worthen explained that the School Board was hoping to have the art teacher for two days rather than one day. At the present this teacher cannot visit each room each week.

Curtis Worthen moved that \$102,914.68 be raised and appropriated for the support of the schools. Donald Atkinson offered an amendment to increase the \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and in so doing the State Building Fund would automatically increase \$2,000.00. At this point there was a recess of 5 minutes so that the School Board might enter into conversation as to the possibility of this motion. Donald T. Atkinson restated his motion and it was carried.



Louis B. Heaton made an amendment to item #6 in the budget and moved to have the Teacher's salaries increased \$300 per teacher instead of \$200 as recommended by the School Board and a \$500 increase for the headmaster instead of \$300. The moderator was in doubt when he asked for the vote. Motion made to have yes and no ballots distributed and ballot using the check list.

Carl Merrill, Harry Mitiguy and Dwight Brown were appointed to check the list. George Anderson, Vernon Gray and Richard Smith were appointed as tellers. The vote was 48 yes, 41 no. The amendment made by Louis Heaton was carried.

Article 9. Mr. George W. Brown moved the approval of this article as written. Carried.

Article 10. Dorothy J. Davis moved to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election. Carried.

Article 11. Curtis Worthen moved that the district exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis. Carried.

Article 12. Kenneth Goodwin moved this article be approved as written. Carried.

Article 13. Mrs. Max Holland and Mrs. C. Clark Stewart spoke in favor of this program, as did others. A yes and no vote was requested. The same gentlemen served as for the previous vote. There were 85 votes cast—yes 58, no 27. Carried.

Article 14. Moved to raise and appropriate \$400 to continue the planned program of renovating the grounds and outside facilities of the schools. Carried.

Article 15. Moved to raise and appropriate \$500 to continue the black-top area on the playgrounds. Carried.

Article 16. Curtis R. Worthen restated his motion after going over the revised figures in the budget and moved to raise and appropriate \$106,303.34 for the support of the schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board



to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes in the town. Carried.

Donald T. Atkinson moved that a committee of 5 be appointed by the moderator to examine the school population and problems and to report to the School District at the 1957 meeting. These members to serve for a term of 5 years. Carried.

Mr. Robert Seamans gave a vote of confidence to the School Board.

Mr. George W. Brown thanked the School Board for their efforts in preparing such a fine budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P. M.

Crecley S. Buchanan, Curtis R. Worthen and Catherine A. Kruger took the oath of office.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) CATHERINE A. KRUGER  
Clerk of Amherst School District

## REPORT OF THE CENSUS ENUMERATOR

In addition to the formal chart which is composed as the totals are made from the cards the census enumerator brings up to date just before school starts each fall, the following figures indicate the persistent growth of the number of households and of the children aged eighteen and down:

1953	263 households	577 children
1954	272 households	594 children
1955	284 households	624 children
1956	316 households	650 children

It should be pointed out for what it is worth that while the yearly increase in the number of children has been fairly consistent, the 1956 census revealed that the annual jump in households was almost four times, that is to say, from 9 to 12 to 32. The majority of these new families are home owners with two or more children. It is also noteworthy that of our total population of a little over 1,700, 650 Amherst citizens are 18 and under. The entering first graders for the next four years appears to be forty.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY J. DAVIS

Census Enumerator

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956)

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$101,885.16
TOTAL PAYMENTS	97,835.49
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$ 4,049.67
RECEIPTS IN DETAIL	
Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$ 1,384.30
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	99,239.50
From Sources other than Taxation:	
Trust Funds	411.34
Other Receipts	76.54
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$101,111.68
Cash on Hand July 1, 1955	773.48
GRAND TOTAL	\$101,885.16

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,  
GEORGE H. HOWARD,

Auditors.

**PAYMENTS IN DETAILS**  
**July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956**

**ADMINISTRATION**

<b>1. Salaries of District Officers:</b>		
Dorothy Davis, School Board	\$75.00	
Kenneth Goodwin, School Board	75.00	
Curtis Worthen, School Board	75.00	
Catherine A. Kruger, Treasurer	75.00	
Catherine A. Kruger, Clerk	6.00	
Arthur Bonney, Jr., Moderator	6.00	
Orson H. Bragdon, Auditor	10.00	
George H. Howard, Auditor	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$332.00
<b>2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)</b>		
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40		840.00
<b>3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:</b>		
State Treasurer, \$2 per capita Tax		742.00
<b>4. Salaries of Other Administration Personnel:</b>		
Dorothy Davis, census enumerator	\$ 50.00	
Dorothy Davis, truant officer	25.00	
Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40, office clerk and Helping Teacher	900.00	
	<hr/>	975.00
<b>5. Supplies and Expenses:</b>		
Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40, office expenses and travel	\$133.46	
Conference, expenses, advertising, printing, etc.	62.60	
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**INSTRUCTION**

<b>6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:</b>	
Ray Bartlett	\$ 250.00
Charlotte Boutelle	3,100.00
Rachel Brown	3,100.00
Lionel DeLacey	3,200.00
Leo Flanagan	20.00
Natalie Fleming	800.00
Eva Gagnon	3,100.00

Sarah Greenhalgh	3,100.00
Nancy Heath	2,790.00
Elma Kittredge	3,080.00
Wilene Knight	2,800.00
Mary McGee	3,300.00
Edward Low	250.00
Dorothy Paire	3,095.00
Mrs. Dwight Richardson	30.00
Everett Rockwell	4,200.00
Romuald Sinkervitch	3,200.00
Lottie Stevenson	25.00
Elsie Wheeler	550.00
Eleanor Wilkins	208.26

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\$40,198.26\*\*

\*\*This amount includes deductions for:

Blue Cross	\$ 413.00
Income Tax	4,705.45
Insurance	261.48
Retirement	2,931.94
N.E.A.	10.00

<b>7. Textbooks:</b>	
Elementary	\$ 894.82
<b>8. Scholars' Supplies:</b>	
Elementary	2,094.38
<b>10. Other Expenses of Instruction:</b>	
Catherine Hammond, Lip-reading	\$200.00
Other expenses	360.50
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	560.50

#### OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

<b>11. Salary of Janitor:</b>	
William S. Wells	\$2,300.00
Robert Hancock	593.15
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	2,893.15**
<b>12. Fuel or Heat:</b>	
Elementary	2,024.89

\*\*This amount includes deductions for:  
Income Tax \$85.00

<b>13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:</b>	
Elementary	1,495.99

#### MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

<b>14. Repairs and Replacements:</b>	
Elementary	1,111.50

#### AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

<b>15. Health Supervision:</b>	
Elementary	582.87

<b>16. Transportation:</b>	
Elementary	\$7,001.65
High School	3,504.20
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	10,505.85

<b>17. Tuition:</b>	
Milford School District	\$15,212.50

<b>18. Other Special Activities:</b>	
School Lunch	\$1,384.30
Other special activities	211.31
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	1,595.68

#### FIXED CHARGES

<b>19. Retirement:</b>	
Elementary	2,780.45

<b>20. Insurance:</b>	
Elementary	980.41

#### CAPITAL OUTLAY

<b>22. Additions and Improvements:</b>	
Harold Aldrich, Hot topping	\$660.15
C. L. Kiesling, Painting	285.00
George W. Bliss, Water heater	
installed	375.00
Other	28.00
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	1,348.15

**23. New Equipment:**

Cascade Paper Company	\$ 18.43
The County Stores, Inc.	17.65
Harold Eastman	50.00
J. L. Hammett Co.	392.04
Sears Roebuck Co.	47.90
Southwestern N. H. Trans. Co., Inc.	6.86

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532.88

25. Principal of Debt 8,000.00

26. Interest on Debt 1,203.15

27. Special Account on Grounds 435.00

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TOTAL PAYMENTS \$97,835.49

**INSURANCE COVERAGE**

2½ Story Brick School	\$ 51,000.00
Park Street School	6,500.00
Clark School	64,700.00
Contents	8,000.00

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Total Insurance Coverage \$130,200.00

**BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1956****ASSETS**

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1956	\$ 4,049.67
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	38,950.33

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Total \$43,000.00

**LIABILITIES**

Notes and Bonds Outstanding**	\$43,000.00
**Indebtedness, June 30, 1956	
Clark School Additions	\$43,000.00

DOROTHY DAVIS,  
KENNETH GOODWIN,  
CURTIS WORTHEN,

School Board

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

## SCHOOL POPULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

A year ago it was expected that we might have a school population, in the eight lower grades, of close to 315 for 1957-58 classes and possibly 335 for the 1958-59 classes.

It now appears that the 1957-58 starting total will be 321. However, the projection for 1958-59 is also about 320. These totals are within the capacities of our present space so there is no need, at this time, to propose a building program.

Because the growth of the town is continuing, particularly in the number of households, a close check will be maintained upon each census and student count during the ensuing year. Any action necessary to provide increased space for 1959-60 classes can be taken at the School District Meeting in 1958.

ELIZABETH HALL  
ROLAND R. FRASER  
OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER  
LOUIS B. HEATON  
ROBERT CURRIER

## STATISTICS FOR 1955-56

Number of half-days in session	348
Whole number of different pupils registered:	
Boys 175; Girls 131	Total 306
Enrollment by grades:	
I-41; II-42; III-46; IV-38; V-35; VI-45; VII-37; VIII-22	Total 306
Average daily membership	293.0
Per cent of attendance	94.3
Number not absent nor tardy during school year	12
Number of visits made to schools by:	
Helping Teacher	
Superintendent of Schools	30
Number of School Board meetings held	12

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM  
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL — JUNE 1956**

Avis Boutelle	Eleanor Huntington
Judith Eaton	Elizabeth Murray
Edward French	Carol O'Connor
Mildred Holland	Diane Page
Winona Holland	William Sweezey
	Gerald Wilkins

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATED FROM  
EIGHT GRADE — JUNE, 1956**

Hilda Berwick	Donald Kelley
Richard Gatchell	Brenda Miles
Thomas Hall	David Moore
David Hanlon	George Morgan
Evelyn Hathaway	Beryl Murray
Douglas Heaton	Stephen Noble
Dennis Holland	Judy Page
Donna Holt	Betsy Taborne
Jill Husmer	Theodore Wells
Larry Jasper	Clayton Wilson
Judy Keane	William Young

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

**School Year — 1955-1956**

Junior High: Ralph Anderson, Dennis Holland, Judy Page.

Grade VI: Martha Grundell.

Grade V: Helen Holland, James Batchelder.

Grade III: Gail Boutelle, Dana Worcester.

Grade II: Richard Locke, Warren Parkhurst, Norman Worcester.

Grade I: Ted Bishop.



## AMHERST TUITION PUPILS 1956-1957

### GRADE XII

Joseph Anderson  
Richard Arnold  
Hazel Bartlett  
Marian Flandreau  
Barry Hammond  
Kay Hauser

Patricia Herlihy  
Carol Marsh  
Sally Spooner  
Patricia Stockwell  
Steven Wardwell  
Thomas Wiggin

### GRADE XI

Crystal Burgess  
Carolyn Davis  
A. Ronald Frye  
Ethelyn Grant  
Marilyn Green  
John Hanlon  
Clematis Jones

Ronald Marsh  
Linda Merrill  
Choral Murray  
Gordon Murray  
Arthur Nichols  
Ronald Piper  
Glenna Rooney

Joan Sweeney

### GRADE X

Ronald Brown  
William Cheever  
Bernice Cobleigh  
Leonard Dean  
Tyrone Forbes  
Pearl Grant  
Robert Griffin  
Marian Holland

Vivian Jutras  
Theodore Kelley  
Sandra Mack  
Doreen McLaughlin  
Judith Relation  
Charles Rooney  
Jane Wardwell  
Judith Harding

### GRADE IX

Hilda Berwick  
Richard Gatchell  
Thomas Hall  
David Hanlon  
Evelyn Hathaway  
Douglas Heaton  
Dennis Holland  
Donna Holt  
Jill Husmer  
Larry Jasper  
Judy Keane

Donald Kelley  
Brenda Miles  
David Moore  
Curtis Morgan  
Beryl Murray  
Stephen Noble  
Judy Page  
Gene Sibley  
Betsy Taborne  
Theodore Wells  
Clayton Wilson

William Young

# RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS

September 1956

Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Enumerator

Age as of Sept. 1, 1956		Total	Boys	Girls	Attending Public School	Attending Private or Parochial School
Under	1	28	18	10		
	1	42	19	23		
	2	35	14	21		
	3	44	19	25		
	4	50	33	17		
	5	35	19	16	15	
	6	37	23	14	37	
	7	39	23	16	39	
	8	40	24	16	40	
	9	46	25	21	46	
	10	31	17	14	31	
	11	44	25	19	43	1
	12	40	18	22	39	1
	13	36	21	15	34	2
	14	29	16	13	24	3
	15	26	12	14	19	6
	16	17	9	8	13	3
	17	21	10	11	10	2
	18	10	4	6		2
Totals		650	349	301	391	20

## OUR TEACHERS

Name of Teacher	Subject or Grade Taught	Experience Here	Total Experience
Charlotte Boutelle	Grade IV	31	33
Rachel Brown	Grade I	6½	10
Alice Carpenter	Grades VII & VIII	1	6
Lionel DeLacey	Grades V & VI	4	4
Eva Gagnon	Grade V	2	11
Sarah Greenhalgh	Grade II	8	12
Alden Hoyt	Grades VII & VIII	1	1
Elma Kittredge	Grades III & IV	6	12
Wilene Knight	Grade VI	2	2
Mary McGee	Grade III	12	18
Dorothy Paire	Grades I & II	4½	18
Everett Rockwell	Principal and Grades VII & VIII	3	9
Elsie F. Wheeler	Music I-VIII	23	25

## SALARIES — 1955-56

<b>a. Superintendent</b>		
State's Share		\$2,500.00
Local Share:		
Amherst	\$ 840.00	
Brookline	273.00	
Hollis	651.00	
Milford	2,247.00	
Mont Vernon	189.00	
		4,200.00
Total		\$6,700.00
<b>b. Helping Teacher</b>		
State's Share		\$2,500.00
Local Share:		
Amherst	\$ 420.00	
Brookline	136.50	
Hollis	325.50	
Milford	1,123.50	
Mont Vernon	94.50	
		2,100.00
Total		\$4,600.00

## ENROLLMENT TABLE AS OF JANUARY 15, 1957

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Grade I	29								29
Grade I	12								12
Grade II		12							12
Grade II		25							25
Grade III			28						28
Grade III			13						13
Grade IV				31					31
Grade IV				16					16
Grade V					27				27
Grade V					13				13
Grade VI						21			21
Grade VI						10			10
Grade VII							47		47
Grade VIII								30	30
Totals	41	37	41	47	40	31	47	30	314
Boys	23	25	22	31	20	19	21	18	179
Girls	18	12	19	16	20	12	26	12	135

## REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION — 1955-56

Oscar Burns, M.D., School Physician

Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N., School Nurse

The Total Number of Children Examined 281

The following defects, treatments and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment
Defective Tonsils and Adenoids	13	10
Defective Teeth	14	14
Cardiac Disease	1	1
Orthopedic	8	6
Defective Vision	3	3
Defective Hearing	3	3
Defective Skin	1	1

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases reported:

Measles	61
Impetigo	3
Poison Oak	1

1956 REPORT OF N. H.  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Salk Vaccine Clinics were held at the school during the past year. This was given to children from 6 months thru 19 years of age and Pre-natals.  
Amherst

Clinics held	2
Attendance	436
Pre-school	140
School	295
Pre-natals	1
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Total	436

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Doctors, School Department, Visiting Nurse Association, Legion Auxiliary, School Nurse, and committee. This service would not have been possible without the parents and friends who have cooperated so generously with the work of the Public Health Nurse.

It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL W. SOMES, R. N.

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## **VITAL STATISTICS**

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# **Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.** **For the Year Ending December 31, 1956**

DATE and PLACE	NAME	AGE	NAME and STATION of PERSON OFFICIATING
<b>1956</b>			
Jan. 14, Manchester	Miles Floyd Rutter	72	Fr. Wilfred H. Paradis
	Marie Anne Hunt	64	Priest
Feb. 4, Amherst	Francis Gordon Duval	36	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Jacqueline Louise Bianchi	26	Clergyman
Feb. 14, Amherst	George Rotondi	70	Catherine A. Kruger
	Cecelia Louise Gallivan	48	Justice of the Peace
May 5, Amherst	Thomas Ellsworth Crocker	23	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Joan Helen Lemay	21	Clergyman
May 10, Amherst	Arthur L. MacGregor	49	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Gladys E. Glenn	49	Clergyman
June 16, Amherst	Walter Anthony Yuskiewicz	31	Catherine A. Kruger
	Florence Mae Delaney	31	Justice of the Peace
June 16, Milford	Charles Henry Levesque	19	Fr. Thomas Savage
	Shirley Jane Pratt	18	Priest
July 25, Milford	Kenneth Millburn		Fr. E. A. Murphy
	Goodwin, Jr.	26	Priest
	Leona Mary Berwick	21	
July 28, Amherst	Nicholas A. Forziati, Jr.	21	Catherine A. Kruger
	Joanne Pray	18	Justice of the Peace
Aug. 18, Milford	Harry James Sanborn	30	Fr. Francis Hogan
	Norrine Elizabeth Hauser	20	Priest
Sept. 15, Amherst	Richard Gibson Crocker	26	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Jean Elizabeth Davis	20	Clergyman
Sept. 22, Amherst	Henry J. Needle	49	Catherine A. Kruger
	Lorraine M. Penney	45	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 12, Nashua	Joseph T. Bilodeau	62	Rev. Ernest R. Drake
	Gladys E. Little	56	Clergyman
Oct. 27, Hudson	Robert Masiero	21	John E. Baker
	Lucille Rita Levesque	18	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 2, Amherst	Ralph L. Harriman	35	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Virginia R. Wheeler	32	Clergyman
Dec. 15, Milford	Russell Frank Brown	22	Rev. E. M. Jones
	Janice Rae Long	20	Clergyman
Dec. 29, Amherst	Leo August Boucher	29	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Helene Ajam Haroth	33	Clergyman

# Birth Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

DATE and PLACE	NAME of CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
1956			
Jan. 7, Nashua	Robin Carol	Donald Charles Grant	Katherine Lois Thompson
Feb. 15, Nashua	Roy Ethan, Jr.	Roy Ethan Bailey	Emily May Case
Feb. 16, Nashua	Carl Jonathon	Francis Earl Gauthier	Edith Marion Jones
Feb. 17, Manchester	Jude James	Earl Henry Wescom	Sarah Lavinia O'Connor
Mar. 7, Nashua	Stephen Alan	Arthur George Charron	Catherine Veronica Buckley
Mar. 26, Nashua	John William	James John Raymond	Irene Agnes Broderick
May 3, Nashua	William Wesley, Jr.	William Wesley Clough	Barbara Louise Noyes
May 10, Nashua	Sandra Lee	Carleton Lee Carter	Mary Ann Gillogly
May 16, Nashua	Carol Elizabeth	Henry Cook Drewes	Elizabeth Anne Miller
May 19, Nashua	Bonnie Lee	Donald Alan Handy	Martha Lois Duncan
May 27, Manchester	Colleen Debra	John Sikora O'Connell	Claire Raymond
May 30, Nashua	Ivan Carol	Donald Oliver Young	Marion Grace Macklin
June 27, Nashua	Glenn Franklin	Franklin Henry Brawn	Florence Lillian Sevey
July 29, Nashua	Jay Kenneth	James Lonier Walker	Pauline Evelyn Bly
Sept. 29, Nashua	Raymond Edwin	Robert LeRoy Bell	Elizabeth Jeannette Warden
Oct. 6, Nashua	Harold Herbert, Jr.	Harold Herbert Blake	Barbara Ruth Robinson
Oct. 15, Nashua	Brian David	Leo Guy Smith	Shirley Joan Kafter
Oct. 26, Nashua	Stewart Douglas	Gregory John Brown	Madeline Beatrice Newbold
Nov. 7, Nashua	Sheila Lynn	John Forsyth	Irene Mary Bamford
Nov. 12, Nashua	Barbara Fern	Frederick Leslie Carkin	Virginia May Miner
Nov. 27, Nashua	Barbara Ann	Joseph Paul Garcia	Joan Caron Parker
Nov. 30, Manchester	Lauri Ann	Laurence Joseph Landry	Barbara Mary Hollowell
Dec. 4, Nashua	Douglas Carroll	Carroll Woodbury Hall, Jr.	Cecile Lucienne Parent
Dec. 10, Nashua	Kathleen Norma	Alexander Joseph Godin	Norma Mabel Braden
Dec. 10, Fitchburg, Mass.	Kathryn Donna	Frank A. Reid	Mabel Violet Durrell
Dec. 13, Nashua	Cynthia Marilyn	William Arthur Jenkins	Vivianne Eva Bouchard
Dec. 17, Nashua	Ted	Albert Herbert Pixley	Constance Edith Daggett



# Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

DATE and PLACE	NAME of DECEASED	AGE	NAME of FATHER	NAME of MOTHER
1956				
Feb. 4, Nashua	Arthur Alonzo Clark	71	Edward Clark	Rebecca Brierley
Feb. 13, Amherst	Miles F. Ruiter	72	Eli Ruiter	Flora Ann Clark
Feb. 29, Milford	Katherine MacNeill	79	Daniel MacNeil	Elizabeth —
Mar. 10, Amherst	Flora Belle Goodale	89	Charles Pillsbury	Martha Sanborn
Mar. 31, Nashua	Mertie Francina Fletcher	70	Henry N. Whitaker	Emily Atwood
Apr. 2, Quincy, Mass.	Ida M. Olson	72	U/K	U/K
Apr. 2, Nashua	George Wilbert Farley	76	George E. Farley	Mary E. Harmon
Apr. 12, Melrose, Mass.	Susan Rice Ward	82	George Rice	Mary Johnson
Apr. 25, Nashua	Winthrop Buntin Hervey	82	William D. Hervey	Elizabeth Jordan
May 1, Nashua	Frank E. Bills	75	Arthur A. Bills	Mary C. Bradford
June 1, Amherst	Ruth Bradford Wight	63	Elias E. Hathaway	Jessie White
June 27, Goffstown	Lillian Newton	67	Francis J. Newton	Alice Boughton
July 1, Amherst	Roy McVelle Lincoln	78	George M. Lincoln	Rebecca Rose Jewett
July 3, Amherst	Bonnie Lee Handy	16 wks.	Donald Allan Handy	Martha Lois Duncan
July 9, Milford	Hiram Roberts Elliott	80	Dana H. Elliott	Anaetta E. Roberts
July 15, Amherst	Robert Frederick Tutcin	15	Almon Tutcin	Gertrude Bruning
July 15, Amherst	John F. Robbins, Jr.	21	John F. Robbins, Sr.	Marie Compton
Aug. 23, Milford	Etta M. Merchant	63	Henry J. West	Charlotte Cady
Aug. 27, Goffstown	Fred Kimball	75	Marcus Kimball	Dolly Temple
Oct. 24, Amherst	Lilla May Brown	86	Charles J. Clark	Mary E. Conroy
Oct. 29, Manchester	James Duhamel	11	David Duhamel	Patricia Hallahan
Nov. 13, Concord	Mina Wilhelmina Soini	67	Alex Kisky	U/K
Nov. 18, Boston, Mass.	Bradford Locke	28	Howard K. Locke	Louise L. Ford
Dec. 9, Manchester	Beatrice H. Naylon	52	Archie Head	Mabel F. Gerald
Dec. 29, Amherst	Jennie L. Alexander	79	William E. Alexander	Emma F. Keith
Dec. 30, Amherst	Etta Gertrude Armstrong	66	Harry Gates	— Citters

## Brought From Away and Buried in Town

DATE and PLACE	NAME of DECEASED	AGE	CEMETERY
<b>1956</b>			
Jan. 6, Chelsea, Mass.	James R. O'Hanlon	67	St. Patrick's
Jan. 20, Cohasset, Mass.	Rachel Ann Rector	99	Meadowview
Jan. 21, Somerville, Mass.	Mary Fitzpatrick	83	St. Patrick's
Feb. 21, Nashua	Shelly Adrienne Wilson	3dys	Meadowview
Apr. 10, Franklin	Albert Emerson Chickering	82	Meadowview
Apr. 11, Lowell, Mass.	Clarence L. Hutchinson	70	Meadowview
Apr. 25, Milford	Emma Jacques	82	St. Patrick's
Apr. 28, Concord	Annie Holland	86	St. Patrick's
May 24, Hudson	Walter Curtis Dunklee	65	Cricket Corner
May 26, Nashua	Sadie M. Kenney	72	Meadowview
May 30, Goffstown	Ella Huskie	69	Meadowview
June 6, Nashua	Orlando H. Lowd	83	Meadowview
July 29, Asheville, N. C.	Clara Upton Spalding	81	Meadowview
Sept. 20, Lexington, Mass.	Harriet Savory	93	Meadowview
Oct. 5, Nashua	Oscar Edwood Deschenes	52	St. Patrick's
Oct. 9, Nashua	Baby Girl Fournier		Meadowview
Oct. 15, Concord	Daniel Gainey	92	St. Patrick's
Nov. 3, Westboro, Mass.	Nellie Desmond	78	St. Patrick's

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out on Marriage, Birth, and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out the records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CATHERINE A KRUGER, Town Clerk

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

January 23, 1957

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Amherst, N. H.:

I herewith present my annual report as Health Officer for the year ending December 31, 1956.

This year has been as free from contagious and infectious diseases as could be expected in any town having the number of school children transported in buses and housed in closed quarters during the day. Contagious and infectious diseases generally start in schools and the school nurse and school doctor should be commended for the good supervision. Routine inspection of the town dump at the village and also at Baboosic have been quite satisfactory although there is much to be desired. Numerous complaints have been made as usual—all of minor importance and disposed of in as reasonable a manner as possible. One or two exceptions requiring legal advice and ruling from the state board of health demand further time and consideration and will not be completed at this time. It is my opinion that the Zoning Board has been of much service in the prevention of contributing factors to disease and misunderstanding by properly controlling buildings and locations placing restrictions as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR BURNS, M.D.,  
Health Officer

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# In Memoriam

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**Dedicated to the Faithful Officers  
of the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire**

**HIRAM ROBERTS ELLIOTT**

Born in Laconia, N. H., June 27, 1876

died July 9, 1956

Served as Tax Collector and Supervisor of Check Lists  
from 1935 to 1955

**LILLA MAY BROWN**

Born in Amherst, Nov. 22, 1869

died October 24, 1956

Served as Supervisor of Check Lists  
from 1947 to 1956

GOD HATH NOT PROMISED  
SKIES ALWAYS BLUE  
FLOWER STREWN PATHWAYS  
ALL OUR LIVES THROUGH;  
GOD HATH NOT PROMISED  
SUN WITHOUT RAIN,  
JOY WITHOUT SORROW  
PEACE WITHOUT PAIN.

BUT GOD HATH PROMISED  
STRENGTH FOR THE DAY  
REST FOR THE LABOR,  
LIGHT FOR THE WAY,  
GRACE FOR THE TRIALS  
HELP FROM ABOVE,  
UNFAILING SYMPATHY  
UNDYING LOVE.













